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Transrail is back in the picture

New Jersey based company has re-filed for federal exemption

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - New England Transrail (NET) is once again seeking a federal exemption, which if granted would pave the way for the solid waste transfer station it proposes to construct on the contaminated Olin Chemical property located at 51 Eames Street. Local and state officials, along with representatives from the solid waste industry, have formed a loose coal-

ition and have been working hard to block NET from the site.

"This would be absolutely devastating to the town," said State Representative James Miceli, who has taken the leadership role in the coalition. "This should be the Town's top priority. This is what we should be putting all of our efforts toward."

The proposed waste transfer facility would transload various materials, includ-

ing construction and demolition debris, municipal solid waste, contaminated soils, liquid chemicals, newsprint, non-hazardous waste, and other products, from trucks to railroad cars. The facility would include grinding and processing activities.

Roughly 400 truck trips per day may be generated by the facility, depending on the success of the business, and one train with

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Is this Wilmington's future?



This North Bergen solid waste facility is being operated under the same federal exemption being sought by New England Transrail for the property at 51 Eames Street. Transrail officials maintain that the two sites are not relatable in any way. (courtesy photo)

Housing Authority

Investigation... continues?

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - A member of Wilmington's Housing Authority (WHA) has been under fire for several months for allegedly making photo-

graphic copies of a Deming Way tenant's personal file. If the allegations are found to be credible, Marilyn Cox could face criminal charges.

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Coming soon...

WHS Alumni Directory

By MARIA HARRISON

WILMINGTON - Anyone who has ever attended Wilmington High School now has a new resource for locating old schoolmates. The Wilmington

Schools Alumni Association announces the production of an all-new alumni directory. The directory is very extensive, including not only students who

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Merry Christmas, Wilmington!



Wilmington's Annual Tree Lighting was a big success, as usual. Organized and run by the 4th of July Committee, the lighting included hay rides, an ice sculpture, hot cocoa, caroling, just to name a few. ...And of course, Santa made an appearance! (Dick Searfoss photo)

Local Heroes goes to Washington

By MARIA HARRISON

WILMINGTON - On December 2, 2005, Veteran's Agent for Wilmington and Reading, Lou Cimaglia, represented the Wilmington organization, Local Heroes in Washington, D.C. Cimaglia along with one representative from each of 170 organizations nationwide that assist our troops was invited by the Department of Defense to go to the capital as a "thank you" for all their hard work.

Cimaglia was accompanied by fellow Wilmington resident, SEE "HEROES" PAGE 17



Local Heroes was honored with a visit to Washington D.C in recognition of its continued support for the United States troops overseas and their families here at home. A number of organizations were recognized including several others from Massachusetts. Standing with Local heroes founder Lou Cimaglia (second from left) is, from left to right, Brittany Berquist of Cell phones for Soldiers, Lou Cimaglia, fellow Wilmington resident Steve Ahern of The Ahern Family Charitable Foundation, John S. Gonsalves of Homes For Our Troops, and Robbie Berquist of Cell phones for Soldiers. (courtesy photo)

A history of contamination

The disgraceful treatment of 51 Eames Street

The Olin property in Wilmington consists of 53 acres, but the estimated limits of contaminant migration appear to nearly double that area, extending as far as Chestnut Street. A small portion of the site overlaps the Maple Meadow Landfill and a small portion runs into Woburn by the Municipal Landfill.

1953 - National Polychemicals, Inc., a chemical manufacturing facility was constructed at 51 Eames Street and subsequently owned by three different companies prior to Olin's purchase of the property. The facility primarily manufactured chemical blowing agents, stabilizers, antioxidants and other specialty chemicals for the rubber and plastics industry.

1953-1970 - Prior to 1970, all liquid wastes generated by the facility were discharged into several unlined pits and ponds near the center of the property, and also in a man-made excavation dubbed "Lake Poly."

1970 - An acid treatment and neutralization system and lined lagoons replaced the unlined pits and ponds. The lagoons were periodically dredged and the sludge was deposited in a landfill in the southwest corner of the property. Residual liquid wastes continued to be disposed of in an unlined ditch onsite until 1972.

1980 - Olin purchases the property at 51 Eames Street and begins operations.

1983 - Massachusetts General Law Chapter 21E, Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act, was enacted. Chapter 21E addresses soil contamination and established response actions.

1985, November - An accidental release of Hydrogen Chloride gas occurred at the Olin facility prompting immediate response by the Wilmington Fire Department and subsequent examination of the facility by the Wilmington Board of Health and several other environmental agencies.

1986 - Olin ceases operations at the 51 Eames Street facility.

1987 - Olin, at 51 Eames Street, is first labeled as a Location to be Investigated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

1989 - DEP grants a Waiver of Approvals to Olin and the property at 51 Eames Street is classified as a Non-Priority Site. It was believed at the time that any contaminants were contained to the property and had no impact on the Town of Wilmington's water supply.

1993 - A comprehensive study of the site was performed by Conestoga Rovers Associates. The study identified contaminant migration towards Wilmington's water supply and, as a result, the site was re-classified as a Priority Site.

1994, September - Olin's Waiver of Approvals was rescinded by DEP and the site was re-classified as a Tier 1A Disposal Site on September 20, 1994.

2000-2001 - Buried drums and 11,000 tons of contaminated soils and sediments were removed from the property.

2000 - Olin enters into negotiations to sell the property to be used as a distribution warehouse facility. The potential buyer subsequently pulls out of the negotiations.

2002, August-December - One at a time, four wells providing drinking water to the Town of Wilmington were closed due to the discovery of elevated levels of ammonia.

2003, February 11 - Olin agrees to pay up to \$3 million toward the construction of a pipeline connecting the Town of Wilmington with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).

2003, February 28 - Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), a probable human carcinogen, was discovered in the Maple Meadow Brook Aquifer and is believed to have migrated from the Olin property at 51 Eames Street. Due to close proximity, a Town well located at the Town Park was closed as a precaution. The Town Park well did not have NDMA present, nor did the water system itself.

2003, May - Olin advises Wilmington that it has entered into negotiations with New England Transrail, LLC (NET) for the sale of the property at 51 Eames Street.

2003, June - NET files for exemption from environmental review.

2003, December - NET seeks federal exemption for the construction of a solid waste transfer facility at 51 Eames Street by filing petition with the Surface Transportation Board (STB). STB is charged with promoting the use of railways throughout the United States in an effort to reduce the volume of trucks traveling on the nation's highways. An exemption from STB would overrule any and all local or state regulations.

2003, December - Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs rules that NET need not conduct an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) for the property. The ruling stated that an EIR conducted several years prior would suffice.

2003, December - DEP begins internal discussions regarding the possibility of referring the site to the federal National Priorities List (a.k.a. Superfund program), which would transfer authority for the clean-up of the site from DEP to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

2004, March - The Surface Transportation Board found that NET met the standards for a federal exemption to construct its facility, subject to a completion of an environmental review conducted by the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA).

2004, April - The Town of Wilmington enters into a "tolling agreement" with Olin and the former owners of the property, which suspends indefinitely the statute of limitations relating to injuries caused by chemicals originating from the Olin property.

2004, August - NET receives preliminary environmental approval from the SEA.

2004, August - An August 23rd letter from DEP Section Chief Stephen Johnson to Nancy Smith of the EPA, requests the consideration of placing the Olin site on the National Priorities List. DEP cited a recent lack of progress due to differences in technical opinions between Olin and DEP as reason for the transfer of authority. EPA would have access to more financial resources and technical expertise than would DEP.

2005, May - STB votes unanimously to dismiss NET's petition without bias. STB did not discuss the merits of the petition, but ruled that the scope of the proposal had changed significantly since it's filing.

2005, July - The Wilmington Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to support DEP's efforts to have the Olin property placed on the EPA's National Priorities List.

2005, December 5 - NET re-files for exemption through STB.

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The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington served a holiday dinner to seniors at the Buzzell Senior Center on Sunday. Between the dinners which were delivered to shut-ins and the 100 or so seniors who attend over 150 seniors had a wonderful meal. Here, PJ Russo (one of a dozen high school volunteers) served dinner to Betty Precopio, Ruth Curtis, and Phyllis Hailey. (Stu Neilson photo)

XENON Corporation triples facility space to position company for dramatic growth

WILMINGTON -- Xenon Corporation, formerly based in Woburn, MA has moved to a new corporate facility that sharply increases the compa-

ny's manufacturing, engineering and office space.

"The move signals a visible sign of growth for Xenon Corporation," states CEO Louis R. Panico, "and it positions us for dramatic growth in sales."

According to Panico, the Wilmington site was chosen for its outstanding location in a growing industrial complex that offers convenient access to airports, Interstate 93 and to the extensive technical and scientific resources located around the Boston area.

Panico explains that the tight space in the company's former corporate home, was limiting production capability. To maintain business momentum and to keep company growth goals on track, the move was mandated. In addition to the increased manufacturing and engineering space, the attractive, new corporate headquarters is customer-centric; it is equipped with a "problem-solving" laboratory where customers may view Xenon systems performing special testing, with their products demonstrating the unique capabilities of pulsed UV light technology.

"Since 1964, Xenon has been working closely with customers to develop solutions to their processing problems that other curing and sterilization technologies cannot achieve," comments Louis R. Panico. Asked

about Xenon's strategy to continue its growth, Panico added "We are developing partnerships with the pharmaceutical and medical device industries; these markets have shown great interest in replacing less effective, continuous wave UV light techniques with the lower energy and environmentally safe pulsed UV technology that Xenon has pioneered."

"Our customers," he states, "look to Xenon to provide expertise in UV light technology, and they trust us to build the very best equipment for their varied needs."

Xenon Corporation has long been a leading manufacturer of pulsed ultraviolet lamps and systems and has become one of the largest suppliers to the CD and DVD curing industry. But within the past several years, the company has made impressive new market entries into the fields of semiconductor, hard disk drives, and sterilization. Some of the credit for these successful market inroads is due to the environmental safety of Xenon developed technology. Xenon's pulsed UV lamps are mercury free and consume less energy than competing systems. Moreover, Xenon's systems have been shown to increase manufacturing throughput in demanding 24/7 production systems.

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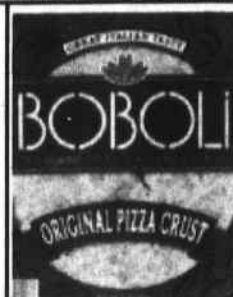
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From the Editor's Desk

By Stephen P. Bjork

The Divine Comedy

*I am the way into the city of woe.
I am the way to a forsaken people.
I am the way into eternal sorrow.*

*Sacred justice moved my architect.
I was raised here by divine omnipotence.
Primordial love and ultimate intellect.*

*Only those elements time cannot wear
Were made before me, and beyond time I stand.
Abandon all hope ye who enter here.*

~ The Inferno, Dante Alighieri

That passage, according to the 14th century poet, Dante Alighieri, appears above the gates of Hell. There is a possibility that those words would become equally appropriate above the 'Welcome to Wilmington' signpost situated on the Woburn line.

The New Jersey-based New England Transrail (NET), has once again, asked the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to provide federal exemption for the construction of a solid waste transfer station on the Olin Chemical property at 51 Eames Street.

Put in the simplest of terms, NET wants to build and manage a solid waste transfer facility on the property. If NET is granted federal exemption, the Town of Wilmington and the State of Massachusetts will have no say in the matter. Additionally, a federal exemption enables NET to avoid all of those annoying and costly state and local regulations pertaining to the handling of solid waste.

STB's purpose is to promote the use of railways in order to somewhat alleviate the volume of truck traffic on the nation's highways. The proximity of the 51 Eames Street property to a rail-line ostensibly enables NET to invoke the authority of STB.

The purpose of the NET facility, which sounds good on paper, is to provide a station for trucks hauling all manner of solid and liquid wastes from all over the Boston area to converge upon to dump their loads. The waste would then be loaded onto railcars and sent via railways to existing landfills located in the Midwest, thereby removing significant volumes of solid waste from traveling along already congested highways.

What appears not to be a consideration in the plan, however, is the volume of truck traffic that would be traveling to 51 Eames Street, which is surrounded on all sides by secondary roads running through residential neighborhoods. NET states that it expects approximately 400 truck trips to the property per day. I agree with Representative James Miceli's assertion, that if NET is predicting 400 trips, a reality of 700 daily trips is not unlikely. These are not small pick-up trucks, by the way. These will be 18-wheelers, dump trucks, and garbage trucks. A number of homeowners on Route 38 in Woburn and in Wilmington have testified to their homes shaking when a single large truck goes by - if NET receives exemption, those homeowners may want to stock up on Dramamine.

I agree also with Miceli's assertion that NET is the most potentially devastating thing to face this town.

Finally, every elected and appointed official in town stands united on a single issue.

This paper does not have room enough for a list of all the reasons why the NET facility should not be permitted in Wilmington. I've heard only one reason why the facility should be permitted - it is near a railway. That just doesn't seem like a good enough reason.

There has got to be a suitable location with more direct access from a highway; a location that does not require vehicles to travel through residential areas before reaching the Industrial zoned area.

The Town Crier urges the STB to deny NET's request for exemption. Shy of that, the Town Crier implores the three members of the STB to visit the site and to see firsthand why such a facility would destroy the surrounding area.

Letter to the editor

Twass the Night Before...

(with apologies to Clement Moore)

Twass the night before Christmas and all through the town,
Not a resident was stirring, all had settled down.
Before a long winter's nap, time for a look back.
Is this town of theirs on the right track?

This year Board meetings caused such a clatter.
Were the fab five doing anything that would matter?
When what to our wondering eyes should appear,
But personal agendas that soon become clear.

More rapid than eagles her answers they came.
It mattered not the question or person's name.
She counted the parking spaces she said;
We knew the Planning Board had something to dread.

With its integrity under attack,
The Planning Board promptly fired back.
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all,
These accusations are clearly off the wall.

With visions of righteousness dancing in her head,
"I will not apologize because that's not what I said."
Watching this side show unfold on the telly,
Made us laugh and shake like a bowl full of jelly.

And I heard someone exclaim as the meeting ended at midnight,
"Live from Wilmington, it's Monday night."

George R. Allan
Wilmington



Everything's A Story

by Andrea MacMullin

If Christmas offends you, then I should warn you, this column is all about Christmas. In fact, up until Christmas Day arrives, I'll be using this column as my own little personal gift of Christmas cheer to anyone who would like to read it.

I absolutely love Christmas. Ever since I was a child it has been my favorite Holiday. And, since I spent eight years of my youth in Catholic School, Christmas was a very special time to celebrate.

There were Christmas plays and Christmas songs - with none of the words changed to reflect a "politically correct" Christmas. We even had a live Nativity Scene. I might add that thirty-some odd years ago, yours truly was the Baby in the Manger.

It's unfortunate that now it is improper to wish someone a "Merry Christmas." Is it really

that offensive to offer another a wish of Peace, Love and Joy? I find those three wishes to be sustenance of life. If my existence had all three of these, I would surely have lived a blessed life.

And who exactly are these people that want Christmas Trees to be Holiday Trees? Correct me if I'm wrong, but those of us who celebrate Christmas are the only ones with Christmas Trees. I personally haven't been to anyone's home to see their Holiday Tree, it's always a Christmas Tree. And what Holiday are they celebrating exactly if they do have a Holiday Tree? Christmas is the only Holiday that celebrates with a tree, am I right?

Is there some other sect who goes deep into the woods to find that perfect fir tree, chops it down with bare hands, lovingly brings it home with their fami-

ly and carefully adorns it with twinkling lights, generations old ornaments, handmade plaster handprints of toddlers, and garland and tinsel?

If there is such an entity, I am sorry to tell you that those of us who celebrate Christmas have dibs on that tradition. We did it first. Well, okay, no we didn't. According to someone "in the know," it began as an ancient pagan ritual, and the custom was taken with the pagans as they converted to Christianity. Apparently, Irish immigrants introduced the Christmas Tree to Americans when they left their homeland during the potato famine.

That being said, I'll still call it a Christmas Tree.

It's too bad so much energy is spent on protesting something that brings joy and happiness. I think a much better use of time would be to make sure

those less fortunate have food and a warm place to live. Here's another thought, if you want to ban something, how about banning those things that endanger the health and safety of our children? There's plenty of work to do there.

Christmas brings the hope of peace, the joy of friends and family, and a love of all things good. Even if beliefs and traditions are different, I believe that Hope, Peace, Joy and Love don't have boundaries. I would hope that we all wish for these same things.

Someone recently said to me, that life is a mosaic, a mixture of all-different religions and races.

"You have to say what's in your heart," she said. And I will.

Merry Christmas!



Quick Health Tips

by Dr. Leslee Quick

Bring out the Shovels

The first flakes of snow have already fallen and until now, we've been spared an early snowstorm. Keep in mind that a snowy forecast is predicted as I write this. When the piles do fall from the sky - and they will - out come the snow shovels and blowers, to pave a trail for our cars and feet, in our walks and driveways. But beware, oh, snow gods, as this is a prime time for injuries to occur.

Given the sedentary lifestyle of a large population of Americans, many of us just aren't conditioned enough to "jump" into shoveling. Yet, that's exactly what many people do because shoveling is a chore, and not placed categorically equal to other forms of exercise. On the contrary, however, shoveling is comparable to weight lifting, and in some cases, the aerobic aspect is quite similar to treadmill exercise. That being stated, make no mistake, shoveling can wreak havoc on an unconditioned musculoskeletal system. I see it every day at this time of year.

Numerous studies, including a recent one conducted by Cornell University's Ergonomics Department, have documented the vulnerability of the lower back structures - specifically the discs - while carrying heavy loads during shoveling. Intervertebral discs, as they are called, are cartilaginous, fluid-filled cushions that lie between each spinal bone. These discs rely on the important core, postural back and abdominal muscles to stabilize their and other paraspinal structures. Therefore, if the core muscles are weak the main stabilizing component is taken away. When this occurs, the increased pressure of the bending, lifting, and twisting while carrying heavy loads either can cause, at best, a strain in the lower back, or worse, compress and herniate the discs.

Now that you recognize that the low back is especially susceptible to injury, you can take the first steps to correctly perform shoveling as an exercise and do so properly and more efficiently, avoiding injury.

First and foremost, talk to your physician if you are at high risk for a heart attack.

These people should stay away from shoveling all together: those with history of heart attacks or heart disease; those with high blood pressure or cholesterol levels; smokers; and, those who lead a sedentary lifestyle. This is not the way to begin an exercise program.

That being said, treat shoveling like any aerobic or weightlifting activity. A proper regimen should be followed to stay healthy.

- o Avoid caffeine before shoveling. Caffeine raises the heart rate and further constricts the blood vessels, increasing pressure and stress on the heart.

- o Consider the weather. Dress in layers. Wear clothing that is easy to move around in, nothing too constricting. It is important to keep the muscles warm during the activity. They don't call it "warm-up" for nothing. Proper boots are also essential for not only keeping your feet warm, but for proper traction to avoid slipping and maintaining balance. Wear thick gloves that keep your hands warm, as well as maintain a proper grip on the shovel.

- o Select a proper shovel that's appropriate for your height. If you golf or ski, you understand that the correct size ski or club is critical for the sport. The same goes for shoveling. Choose an ergonomically correct shovel, one with a curved handle. These shovels allow to keep the back straighter, for better posture, reducing spinal stress and compression to the discs.

- o Warm muscles work better. As mentioned already, this is exercise and needs to be treated as such. Take some time to stretch.

- o Just like a golf club or tennis racket, hand placement is critical to proper form. Create a little distance between the hands to give more leverage and make it easier to shovel.

- o Push the snow as much as possible, rather than lifting it.

- o Maintain proper posture throughout the exercise. Perform the act of shoveling like you should approach any exercise, with correct, precise movements. Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart to maintain proper balance, keep-

ing the shovel close to your body. Squat with the legs shoulder width apart, bending at the knees and keeping your back straight. Do not bend at the waist! Tightening your abdominal and buttocks muscles as you lift the snow. These steps take a large amount of pressure off the back and add stability to the spine and surrounding structures.

- o Lift the snow with the legs, not the back.

- o Don't throw snow over your shoulder. Dump the snow in front of you by turning the feet. Sudden twists are often culprits of acute disc injuries.

- o Shovel while the snow is fresh, as it is lighter. As snow builds it becomes dense. One shovelful can weigh at least 20 pounds.

- o Give yourself enough time to shovel. If you are in a hurry, you are not likely to heed the professional advice and pay attention to proper biomechanics.

If you think that a snowblower will solve all the problems, buyer beware. It is still just as important to use proper technique. The snowblower is a terrific device to remove snow much more quickly and with less effort than shoveling. However, if not used properly it can also injure the back. These machines are designed to remove snow at a particular rate of speed. Don't try to push by forcing it to move faster, which just defeats its purpose and creates the probability for injury to you.

Should you feel back pain after shoveling, stop what you are doing, rest and apply ice to the area for twenty minutes at a time, with a one hour break in between icing. Many over the counter drugs may help relieve pain but I always caution the use of muscle relaxers. Remember that muscle relaxers don't just target one area, they relax all muscles. And don't forget that the heart is muscle.

It is these type of injuries that

chiropractic is most widely known to help. But whichever treatment you should choose, prescriptions or complimentary alternative medicine (C.A.M.), be sure to actually allow your body to heal by starting a conditioning program for better health. If you're confused, speak to your physician about beginning a health program.

As for natural, supplemental alternatives, a natural ligament strengthener with Manganese, and a glucosamine type of product is good to help strengthen injured muscles and ligaments, as well as cartilaginous tissues, such as the discs, that have been compromised. In addition, Boswellia is a wonderful herb that helps to decrease inflammation in joints and tendons. Another useful alternative for inflammation is black currant seed oil.

Again, it is important to remember that all your muscles are at work during such an exercise as shoveling, which can place extra strain on your heart. Should you begin to experience chest pain or shortness of breath stop immediately as it may be a warning sign that you need immediate medical attention. Do not avoid such warning signals.

By following the above steps you can help avoid undue pain and even feel good that you were out getting some great exercise in your day. You may even tolerate the snow a little better...or maybe not.

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Letter to the editor

Nosey Nancy

Hello Larz Neilson,
I am writing to thank you for the article written on Nov. 9, 2005 regarding my mother Nancy H. Clark aka: Nosey Nancy. I remember picking up "Higgie" and going to the Veterans ceremony on the common for many years. I was the little one tagging along in the back.

Through many years of doing community service along with my mother, I remember collecting items for the packages to go overseas and wrapping

them in DeMoules brown paper bags. I remember her doing extraordinary things for many, many people.

Ma would always say to me, "It is our job to plant seeds, it is Gods' job to water them".

I was so glad, to read in your article that those seeds, did take root and blossom.

She would be dancing to know it too. It brings tears to my eyes knowing her efforts have come full circle.

Thanks again,
Valerie Clark

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Betsy's Best Bets with Betsy Woods McGuire

Where's the Beef

Ask not what you can do for your country, ask what's for lunch. (Orson Welles)

A hamburger can only be so good, right? Even a great burger is still hamburger. I think we all agree that the grill beats the frying pan and the quality of the beef matters but beyond that, piling on the extras is the only thing that can improve or change the taste. That's how I've always felt until I discovered O'Sullivan's Pub in Somerville.

In an otherwise non-descript working class neighborhood, the purple door might catch your eye but the odds are you wouldn't find yourself at O'Sullivan's unless someone told you or brought you there. Or if you're lucky enough to live close by, it would be impossible not to know about O'Sullivan's.

On a recent Tuesday at lunchtime, the place was mobbed. The noisy, chatty, friendly, informal atmosphere has a way of pulling you right into the mood before you have time to think food. A horseshoe bar takes up most of the dining room, with

tables and chairs against three walls. Hardwood floors, knotty pine walls with pictures add to the authentic Irish Pub feeling. Food cooked from scratch takes time so be ready to dine, have a beer, enjoy the cheer - if you hate to wait you don't belong here.

Cooked-to-order burgers take twenty minutes. A half pound of fresh ground sirloin, about two-inches thick, these oozy-juicy jumbos are well the worth the wait. There are at least thirty different burgers on the menu and O'Sullivan's can pretty much make up anything else you could possibly think up. Over 400 pounds of healthy, hearty, body-building beef a week is cooked to perfection. And you can order it rare, O'Sullivan's doesn't care, they're not afraid to serve red meat, a rare treat these days.

A friend of mine who works all day Saturday, as does her husband, tells me that it's become a tradition every Saturday night in their house to have burgers. But

if she can get her husband to go out they head for O'Sullivan's, the only place where the burgers are as good as her own.

But I have to tell you, my grandmother made the best hamburgers on earth (Sorry Sully). She added salt and pepper and two other ingredients - a well kept family secret. She didn't put them in a roll though. They were served with her own baked beans and brown bread. However, what made her hamburgers so tasty and tender, without a doubt, was the fact that they were big and lumpy and roundish, almost like a meatball, because she did NOT squish them down while frying. I was never allowed to help, just in case, God forbid, I might forget and press down with the spatula.

At O'Sullivan's, owner Frank Sullivan never squishes the burgers. All the regulars know about Frank's #1 rule for cooking great burgers. Don't press down on that half-pound.

You'll also find a long list of

appetizers that come in three sizes, along with combos, mix and picks. Some could easily make a meal. There's surf and turf, cock and bull, fish and chips, any dish you want, any way you wish. Subs, sandwiches, wraps, roll-ups and dogs, not a chance you won't find something you want. And if you can still eat more before walking out the door, O'Sullivan's root beer float is a must: Mug of Old Tyme Root Beer Liquor, vanilla ice cream, seltzer water and whipped cream.

O'Sullivan's really puts all those boring chain restaurants to shame. The place has zip, life, personality and delicious, reasonably priced food. Frank Sullivan is there overseeing the operation, orchestrating the orders and enforcing the #1 rule, don't squish the dish. And when things get too busy he even delivers. Talk about a rare find.

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Photo on the Right: Taylor Eloi (left) and Caitlin Dunn were serving pies at the Congregational Church after the Tewksbury tree lighting ceremonies Friday evening. (Paul Chinappi photo)



The Family Therapist by Anthony Ferrara

Reaching your child

Children need praise, love, and recognition especially when they are deserving. They also must know how you feel about inappropriate behavior. Parents need to show their disapproval of immoral and undignified actions. Rationalizing that all children do it will not help or change the child. Your concern is not for all, it's for your child. Talking to your child about how certain behaviors disturb you will help him/her choose more properly. Your beliefs will make their mark in setting the proper speech and action. Positive statements can help direct your child. "I'm so proud of you for acting like a little lady or gentleman. I would be hurt if you dressed and acted like some of the children of today." The child now knows how you feel. Let your children know how you think and feel on all the important issues that could affect their lives.

Too often we don't put the same emphasis on boys' morality as for morality for girls. A reader (by E-mail) brought this unfairness to my attention. "The girls know it's always been OK for boys to be promiscuous - get any girl they can - the more the merrier. How can we as a society tell them it's immoral for them, but OK for their brothers?" Her statement is very valid. Boys must be taught to be more responsible in relating to girls.

Talking can help prevent unnecessary pain and aggravation. Sadly, many parents are too busy to talk to their children unless they must. If the only

time you get involved is during a crisis, you could be causing a greater problem. If children are not getting positive attention and find negative behavior gets you involved, they will use it. "Dad or mom may be reprimanding me but they are talking to me. They may be hitting me but they're touching me." This is one of the reasons some children are labeled "negative attention getter." They crave attention and find negative attention is better than nothing. Don't allow this sick form of relating to exist. Instead, talk gently and caress your children whenever possible.

Try to make an extra effort to praise and show acceptance when they are deserving. This helps to sustain the child when you have to reprimand or punish. I usually ask parents how often they praise their children. You would be surprised to know that many never do. Many would answer, "They know I love them." Love without words of acceptance will always leave great doubt.

Setting limits and directing appropriate behavior must be enforced. The child should be told in advance what his punishment should be. "I love you but if you defy this rule you will be grounded tomorrow." The punishment would depend on the severity of the act. Try not to over punish. Too often parents will ground the child for a week or even a month. Chances are this length of time will never be enforced, and if you do, you have taken away the child's incentive to make things right. It is much more effective

to start with a small punishment so that you can add to it if he continues to defy.

Never give a punishment you can't control. A hundred pound woman tells her son or daughter "You're not going out this late." If he insists what does the parent do? Physically restraining can be a losing battle, if the child is physically superior.

Planning ahead can make the difference. What is important to this child? Is it having friends over the house? Is it being driven to a mall or a game? Is it the use of your car? Does your child expect an allowance or extra money? You can control these things, use them. "If you go out that door you will lose one of the above."

Children respect parents who are in control, not being controlled. How must they feel when they are being directed and controlled by kids in the street? Who can they turn to for protection and direction if Dad and Mom don't have the necessary strength?

Take back the leadership role of being a parent. They will never be loved more by anyone else. Your guidance and advice will always be for the betterment and health of your child. Children could not find a better place of security. Don't give up your leadership role. Children need parents more than ever.

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Letter to the editor

Toys for Tots

Dear Editor,

Frank and Karen West would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and businesses who have so generously contributed to the Marine Corps TOYS FOR TOTS events and toy drive in the past years. Your thoughtful contributions have made so many children throughout Middlesex and Essex Counties so happy. In times that can be difficult for everyone, to think that we still find a way to help those less fortunate than us, is truly a tribute to Wilmington and many other towns who are willing to reach out and help each other.

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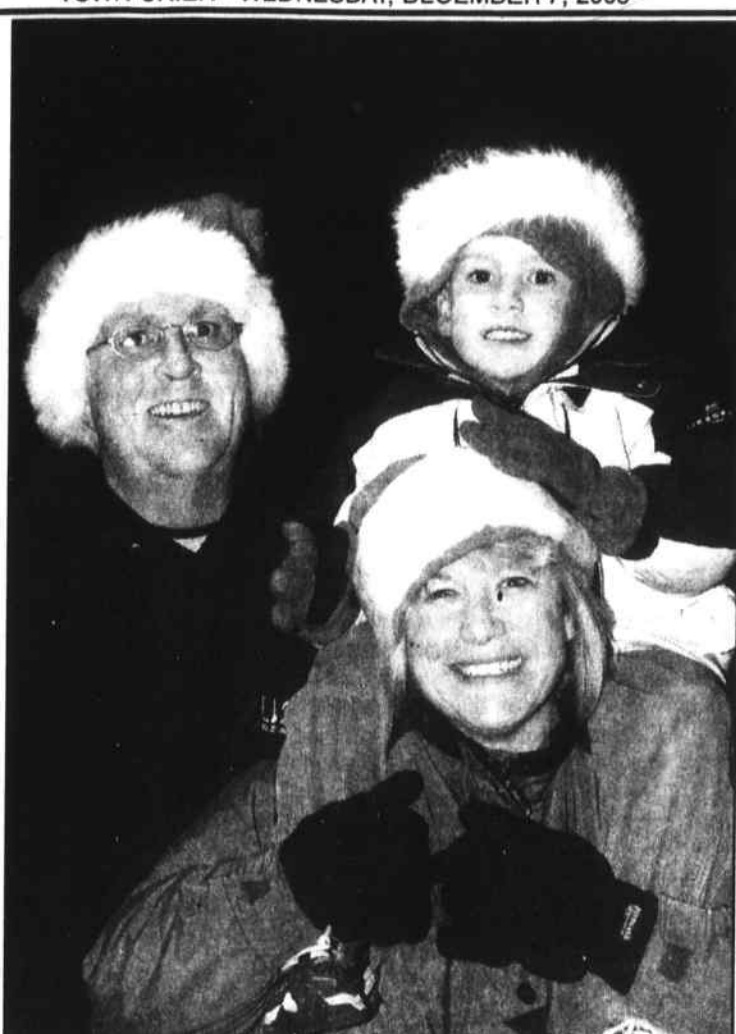
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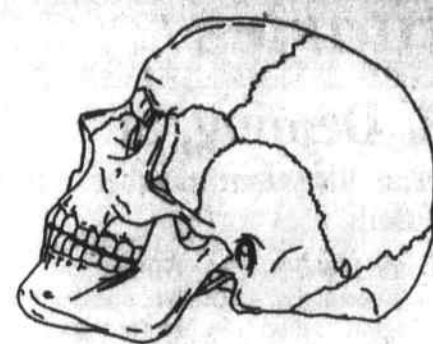
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Rosemary Crowley, Vice President of the Friends of the Harnden Tavern visited with the guests at the Holiday Social on Sunday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Arthur, Tera and 4 year old Liam Cusick attended the Tewksbury tree lighting. That's Liam on his mom's shoulders. (Paul Chinappi photo)



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"Our goal is to deliver increased holiday mail volumes at our normal year-round service levels to make your holidays magical," they said, adding: "Although we have taken extra measures to handle the added volume, we are asking customers to mail early to avoid a backup of mail the last days before Christmas."

U.S. Postal Service customers will bring nearly 20 billion mailpieces to post offices during the holiday season, which lasts from Nov. 25 to Dec. 31.

The postal officials said customers can help speed post office transactions by providing retail clerks with full information on packages, such as requirements for insurance, delivery confirmation, and desired time for package arrival. Other helpful mailing tips to avoid glitches include:

-Write, type or print delivery address neatly.

-Always use a return address.

-Always use complete address information, such as Ave., Blvd. and St. Use the apartment number or suite number as well as correct directionals, such as N, W and SW.

-Don't let an incorrect ZIP Code delay delivery of cards and letters. Local post offices and the Postal Service Web site: www.usps.com offer ZIP Code information, as does the National Call Center, 1-800-275-8777.

-Select a container that is strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

-Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape.

-Plain air-popped popcorn, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam peanuts work well for cushioning contents.

-The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. TIP: Place a return address label inside the package.

-Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items, like vases,

with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.

-Packages that weigh at least one pound must be taken to the post office for mailing.

-When writing to Santa, be sure to use a return address. Santa may write back. Also,

when writing Santa, please do not place any cookies for Santa or hay for his reindeer as this can gum up our mail sorting equipment and delay delivery.

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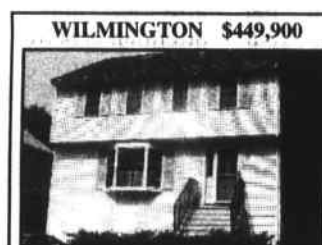
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WILMINGTON \$529,900

9 room, 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 half bath Colonial. Less than 8 years old! Finished basement. Absolutely mint condition. For more photos and info, please visit www.chriscassidyrealestate.com



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WILMINGTON \$1,800/MO

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TEWKSBURY \$358,880

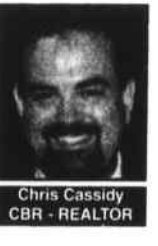
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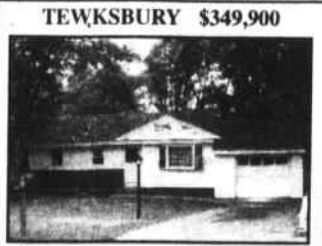
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TEWKSBURY \$349,900

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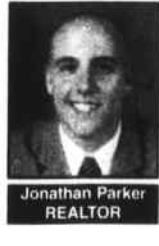
BILLERICA \$354,900

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Masterminds Consulting Inc., 74 Juniper Ln., Tewksbury. Veeraprakash Jiladi, same, president; Nuradha Bogelli, same, treasurer and secretary.

consulting, sic The Wetherley Corp., 365 East St., Tewksbury. Christine Wetherley, same, president; and secretary; Sheila Sweeney, same, treasurer. (Nonprofit) To provide affordable drug free counseling alternatives for women completing substance abuse treatment.

Obituaries

David R. Deming, Sr.

Vietnam Veteran; tile setter; member of historic
Wilmington family

WILMINGTON - Mr. David R. Deming, Sr., 63, a life-long resident of Wilmington, died Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at his residence following a lengthy illness. Mr. Deming was born in Winchester, MA, on November 4, 1942, he was the son of Christine M. (Bennett) Perry of Wilmington and the late Roland Deming. He was from a family that carries a long history in Wilmington, his grandfather Harry Deming was the first Town Treasurer in Wilmington and the name sake of "Deming Way", his father Roland was a Deacon at the Congregational Church. Dave was educated in Wilmington, he graduated Wilmington High School, Class of 1960. He served his country as a Marine Corporal during the Vietnam War. He belonged to the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks as well as the D. A. V. Dave was employed as a Tile Setter, and he belonged to the Laborers Union Local #138 in Boston, as well as the Bricklayers Union #3. Dave is survived by his beloved wife Paula R. (Smith) Deming of Wilmington, he was the devoted father of David R. Deming, Jr. and his wife Kerri

of Wilmington, and Kristin Dunbar and her husband Kevin of Medford, loving grandfather of Kristen, Stefanie, & Nicholas,



close cousin of Richard Deming of North Reading, and Richard McDonald of Roslindale, loving brother-in-law of Deborah J. Acton of Wilmington, he is also survived by one great-nephew Duncan E. Baron.

Visiting hours were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, on Friday evening, November 25, his funeral service was private. Memorial donation's in Dave's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 968, Framingham, MA 01701.

Helen G. Kashian

member of the Order of the Eastern Star

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Helen G. (Nakashian) Kashian, 95, of Wilmington, formerly Shrewsbury, MA, died Tuesday, December 6, at the Woodbriar Nursing Care Facility in Wilmington following a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Mrs. Kashian was born June 20, 1910, in Lynn, MA, she was the daughter of the late George & Maritza Nakashian. She grew up in the Lynn area and was educated there, in her younger years she worked for her family store. She was the beloved wife of the late Armand Kashian, whom she married at the age of 21 and was married for 52 years prior to his death in 1983. Helen was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She lived in Shrewsbury for many years prior to moving to Wilmington several years ago.

Helen is survived by her beloved son and daughter-in-law A. George & Sieglinda I. Kashian of Wilmington, she was the loving grandmother of Steven Kashian of Del Ray Beach, FL, Russell Kashian of Belmont, and Thomas Kashian of Wilmington.

Her funeral service will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Monday morning at 11:00, followed by and interment in the family lot at Wildwood Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday evening from 7-9 p.m. Memorial donation's in Helen's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA 02472 or to the Wilmington Congregational Church 220 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887.

James Leo Woods

owner of Fleetrite Driver Leasing, Inc

SPRINGFIELD, MA - James Lee Woods, 73, of Trafton Rd., died Wednesday, November 30,

2005 at Baystate Medical Center. Born in Wilmington, MA he was the son of the late Joseph and Margaret (Coye) Woods. He attended local schools graduating from Wilmington High School where he was a member of the football team. He received his bachelors degree in Business Administration from Boston University in 1962. He served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Yellowstone AD27 Supply Ship during the Korean Conflict. James was vice-president of A&P Warehouse Transport of Springfield for over 20 years before establishing his own business, Fleetrite Driver Leasing, Inc. He was a communicant of Holy Name Church in Springfield and a member of the West Springfield Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie (Haley) Woods of Longmeadow; 3 daughters, Patricia Woods and her husband Paul Ryan of Springfield, Carrie West and her husband Paul of Rosewell, GA and JoAnn Lane and her husband



Leewood of Sterling, MA; 3 sons, James Leo Woods, Jr. of Springfield, John Michael Woods of Manchester, CT and Matthew Joseph Woods and his wife Susan of Longmeadow; a sister, Winifred Barry of Wilmington, MA; 3 brothers, Richard and William Woods of Wilmington and Edward Woods of Reading, MA; 17 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Chelsea Woods; 3 sisters, Marjorie Woods, Mildred Woods and Catherine McHugh; and 2 brothers, Joseph and Robert Woods. The Liturgy of Christian Burial was held, Monday at Holy Name Church, Dickinson St., Springfield. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made to Open Pantry, P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127 or to the Springfield Rescue Mission, 19 Bliss St., Springfield, MA 01105. The family extends their thanks to Baystate Medical Center Congestive Heart Failure Clinic and Dr. Mara Slawsky. Arrangements were entrusted to Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield.

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Reading Co-operative Bank donates to new emergency department room at Winchester Hospital

Winchester Hospital is expanding and renovating the Emergency Department and is offering room-naming opportunities to individuals, businesses and community organizations. The Hospital's Emergency Department currently sees nearly 44,000 patients a year, serving the surrounding communities of Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, even though it was originally built to handle 30,000 visits. Naturally, this places an enormous strain on the system. Highly skilled nurses and doctors and other health care professionals handle the increased volume to the

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For information, contact the Winchester Hospital Foundation at 781-756-2156.

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Jessica Amedee
Brian Anderson
Danielle Barry
Paige Batista
Joseph Bova
Nicholas Cambio
John Cash
John Cave
Ashley Hicks
Cole Iovine
Miranda Lynch
Alexander Menard
Matthew Murphy
Frederick Pendleton
Bianca Sabatino
Jennifer Schultz
Bethany Scott
Matthew Vass
Robbie Wilson
Room 15
Christopher Astuti
John Aylward
Sarah Barnes
Alex Bonugli
Allyson Braciska
Michael Burns

Allesandra Costantini
Katie Ellwell
Hannah Gillis
Nicole Hamel
Megan MacKinnon
Jennifer Maddaleni
Michael McAteer
Dennis Ong
Josephine Saiz
Rebecca Varghese
Room 16
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McKenzie Baxter
Amanda Berube
Kelsea Crouse
John Daughenbaugh
Stephen DeFrancesco
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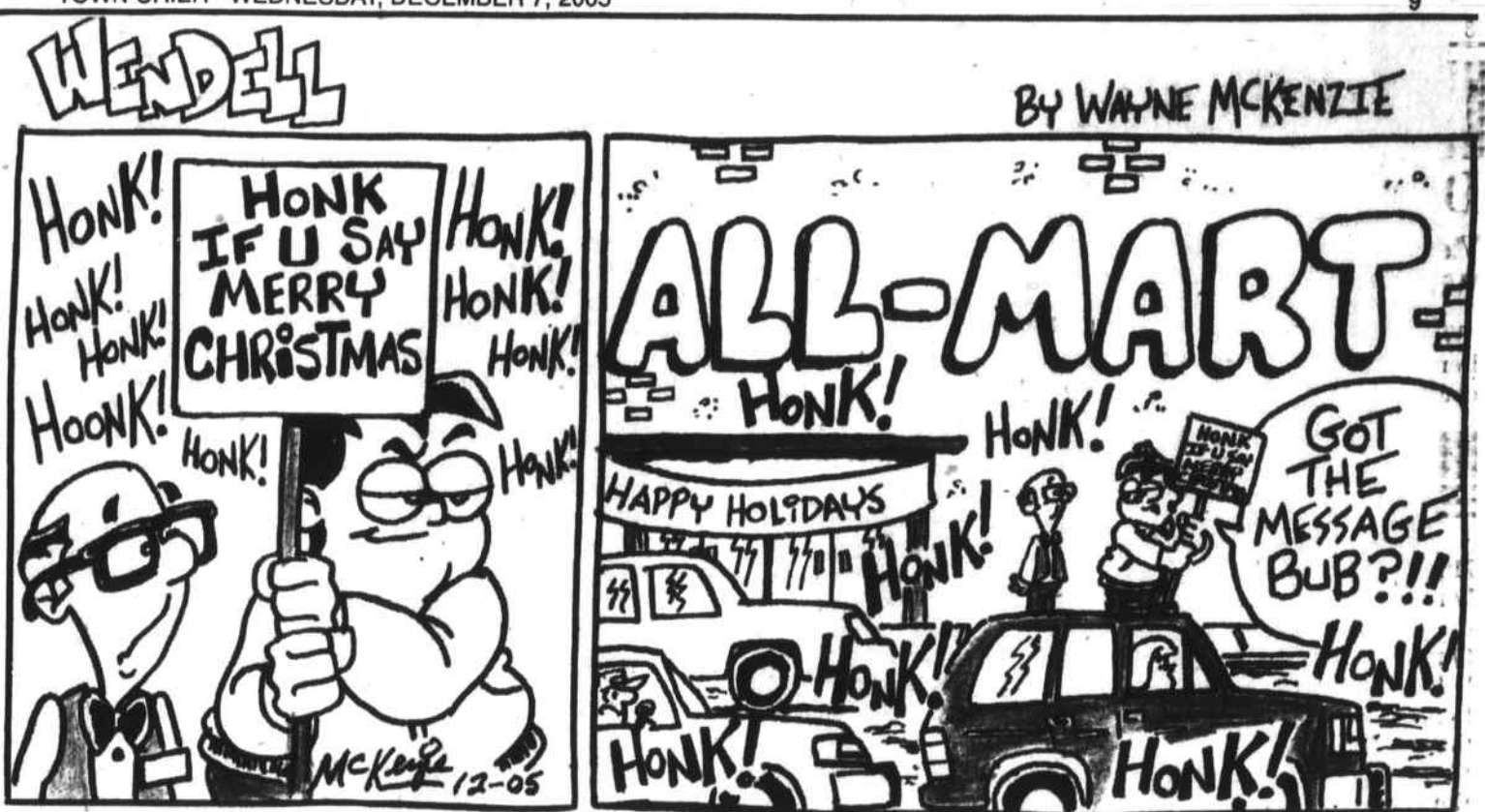
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Mary Toombs decorated the "Friends of the Library Tree" for the Festival of the Tree celebration held at Tewksbury Public Library on Monday night.

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 Trevor Parece
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 Adam Rekkbie

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 Renee Stronach
 Michaela Swift

Honors
 Christopher Allen
 Ian Anderson
 Peter Capone, Jr.
 Jennifer Cobuccio
 Justin Cordero
 Cullen Coulter
 Analise Cruz
 Dezarae Dixon

Jeffrey Donahue
 Alaric Evans
 Corina Houdlette
 Kristopher Kakleas
 Derek Kawalski
 Vincent Lavargna
 Kyle LeBlanc
 Nicholas Leone
 John Lindsey
 Jenna MacMurdo
 Gabrielle Mecherkany
 Christina Morris
 Elizabeth Pagliuca

MacKenzie Pierce
 Chelsea Porcaro
 John Robinson
 John Saunders
 Sara Semenza
 Shannon Semenza
 Taylor Sordillo
 Christine Spinale
 Rachel Stronach
 Olivia Tambone
 Madeline Thompson
 Jonathan Zervas



Cathy Bildeau bought a few personalized Christmas presents at LeDuc's Gift Shop in Wilmington on Saturday. Local authors Julia Doten (left) and Vita Orlando Sinopoli (middle) autographed their books on Saturday.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Charles W. Weaver Jr. now serving in Mass.

Army Sgt. Charles W. Weaver Jr. has returned to the 26th Adjutant General Postal Service Battalion, Milford, Mass., after being deployed to an overseas forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

The sergeant is a casualty supervisor with 24 years of military service.

He is the son of Charles W. Weaver Sr. of Pinewood Road, Tewksbury, Mass., and Dawn L. Wolf of W. Broadway Ave., Ritzville, Wash.

Weaver graduated in 1983 from Tewksbury Memorial High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 1987 from Salem State College, Mass. He earned a master's degree in 1995 from Bentley College, Waltham, Mass.

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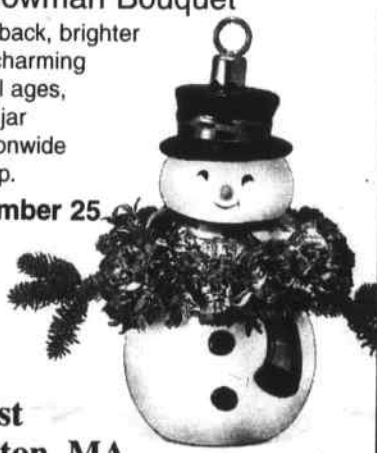
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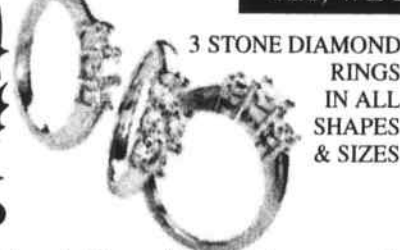
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Monday, November 28
 6:10 a.m. An unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Arlene Avenue overnight with the ignition keys on the dash was stolen.
 8:10 a.m. An unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Frederick Drive was burglarized.
 9:18 a.m. Three vehicles parked at two separate residences on Ella Avenue were burglarized.
 1:30 p.m. An unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Arlene Avenue was burglarized.
 2:32 p.m. State Police received a 911 call stating that someone was in the woods in the area of Concord Street with a large plastic bag that appeared to have a body in it. It was, however, two women collecting pine for wreaths.
 Robert Dwyer, 48, of Everett, was arrested and charged with larceny by embezzlement and conspiracy to commit larceny.
 Jason Crowe, 18, of Woburn, was arrested and charged with larceny by embezzlement and conspiracy to commit embezzlement.
 Timothy Wilson, 19, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 34 Chestnut Street and was charged with receiving more than \$250 worth of stolen property.
Tuesday, November 29
 7:24 a.m. A motor vehicle-related (MVA) accident occurred at

the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Glen Road.
 11:20 a.m. A book of \$10 scratch tickets, with an approximate value of \$3,000, was stolen from Porchside Sandwich Shop at 35 Lowell Street.
 11:23 a.m. A counterfeit \$10-bill was passed to Anton's Cleaners at 240 Main Street. The U.S. Treasury Department was notified and an investigation is being conducted.
 11:56 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Carolyn Road.
 2:47 p.m. A large number of stainless steel plates, valued at between \$5,000 and \$7,000, were stolen from Atlantic Steel Fabricators at 238 Andover Street.
 2:57 p.m. A MVA occurred near 33 Cunningham Street.
 4:23 p.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street.
 9:06 p.m. A MVA occurred near 144 Lowell Street.
 A 17-year old Wilmington youth was stopped by police in the vicinity of 40 Hopkins Street and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license in his possession.
 Luis Ruiz, 32, of Wilmington, was arrested on the basis of a

warrant.
Wednesday, November 30
 5:06 p.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Hopkins Street.
 A 16-year old Wilmington youth was stopped by police and was issued a summons for speeding and operating a motor vehicle as to endanger.
 Robert Ahearn, 24, of Bradford, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 35 Lowell Street and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.
Thursday, December 1
 8:06 a.m. An attempt was made to gain unlawful entry of a residence on Russell Road.
 1:11 p.m. Police recovered a stolen vehicle in the vicinity of 1 Catherine Avenue.
 1:43 p.m. A tree was cut down and taken, without authorization, from private property on Harold Avenue. The owner of the property described the tree as looking like an ideal size for a Christmas tree.
 2:22 p.m. A MVA occurred near the vicinity of 1 Kilmarnock Street.
 3:04 p.m. A resident of Dell Drive reported several items of jewelry have gone missing from her home sometime over the past two years.
 3:04 p.m. Police responded to a

report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Burnap Street.
 3:35 p.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue.
 7:20 p.m. A resident observed several youths breaking into the field house at the Shawsheen School soccer fields. Joseph Parsons, 19, of Woburn, was arrested at the scene and was charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$250 and one count of breaking and entering during night-time hours. Parsons also had an outstanding warrant. A 17-year old Woburn youth was also arrested at the scene and was also charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$250 and one count of breaking and entering during night-time hours.
 9:09 a.m. The passenger side window of a vehicle parked in the Lucci's Supermarket parking lot at 211 Lowell Street was smashed maliciously.
 Christine Cardello, 23, of Andover, was stopped by police on Interstate 93 and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.
 Stephanie Sgrulloni, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 321 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Kenneth Ragucci, 22, of Revere, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 Floradale Avenue and was charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.
 Stephen Ragucci, 25, of Brockton, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 Floradale Avenue and was charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.
Friday, December 2
 7:02 a.m. A MVA occurred near vicinity of 1 Bates Avenue.
 11:23 a.m. A MVA occurred near of 327 Main Street.
 12:57 p.m. A MVA occurred near 364 Woburn Street.
 3:11 p.m. A MVA occurred near 149 Chestnut Street.
 Stephen Galizio, 40, of 24 Bennett Circle in Billerica, was arrested in the vicinity of 555 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license, and illegally possessing a Class E substance.
Saturday, December 3
 12:16 a.m. A vehicle parked at a business on Ballardvale Street was stolen.
 5:43 a.m. The ignitions of two vehicles parked at a business on Ballardvale Street were tampered with in an apparent attempt to steal them.
 8:33 a.m. A construction vehicle

parked at a business on Concord Street was damaged maliciously.
 9:14 a.m. A vehicle was stolen from a business on Ballardvale Street.
 10:53 a.m. A MVA occurred near 287 Main Street.
Sunday, December 4
 8:51 a.m. A MVA occurred near 124 Salem Street.
 8:55 a.m. A MVA occurred near 133 Glen Road.
 9:27 a.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Woburn Street and Wildwood Street.
 10:05 a.m. A MVA occurred near 7 Broad Street.
 11:25 a.m. A MVA occurred near 363 Middlesex Avenue.
 12:39 p.m. A MVA occurred near 22 Fairview Avenue.
 9:35 p.m. A MVA occurred near 1 Hillside Way.
 Ryan Robert, 18, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 489 Middlesex Avenue and was charged with operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license.
 David Steele, 34, of Clark Summit, Pennsylvania, was arrested on Interstate 93 on the basis of a warrant and was charged with operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license.

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, November 28
 12:55 a.m. Police recovered a stolen vehicle in the vicinity of 150 French Street.
 4:06 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Valley Road.
 9:38 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Chandler Street.
 10:33 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Merrimack Meadows Lane. Brian Harrison, 42, of Tewksbury, was arrested at the scene.
Tuesday, November 29
 11:01 a.m. A counterfeit \$20-bill was passed at the Lil' Peach at 2280 Main Street. The individual that passed to bill is described as being a white male with a thin

build, goatee, brown hair, and was operating a brownish-green 4-door Saturn.
 5:50 p.m. A (MVA) motor vehicle-related accident involving a deer occurred in the vicinity of 1300 Main Street.
 8:07 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Mystic Avenue.
 11:58 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Main Street.
 Adam Brophy, 21, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 1609 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license, operating an uninsured and unregistered motor vehicle.
 Tracy Lynne McKenney, 34, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity

of 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.
Wednesday, November 30
 5:41 p.m. Police assisted in removing an unwanted party from the McDonald's Restaurant at 1928 Main Street.
 7:45 p.m. Approximately \$400 worth of lawn ornaments were stolen from a residence on Royal Crest Court.
 Francisco Williams, 42, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 13 Apache Way on the basis of a warrant.
 Laurie Hight, 39, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 13 Apache Way on the basis of a warrant.
Thursday, December 1
 3:22 a.m. Police were asked to assist with a female too intoxicated to exit a vehicle parked at the

Motel 6 at 95 Main Street. The subject was transported to Saint's Medical Center in Lowell.
 7:28 p.m. A MVA occurred near 592 Main Street.
 Jessica Kandrotas, 26, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.
Friday, December 2
 10:28 a.m. A MVA occurred near 17 Catherwood Road.
 11:37 a.m. Property belonging to the Mobil Gas Station at 1992 Main Street was vandalized.
 2:06 p.m. Police assisted in resolving a dispute between neighbors of Delaney Drive.
 2:19 p.m. A MVA occurred near 139 Pleasant Street.
 7:39 p.m. A MVA occurred near 95 Main Street.

7:39 p.m. Police responded to a report of a fight occurring at the Stoneham Savings Bank at 2171 Main Street.
 8:07 p.m. A motorized cart was stolen from Wal Mart and was seen heading down Route 38 by a couple of teenagers. The cart was returned.
Saturday, December 3
 12:36 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Trull Road.
 12:55 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a second residence on Trull Road.
 10:00 a.m. The tires of two vehicles parked at a residence on Wilson Road were slashed maliciously.
 12:33 p.m. Police assisted in removing two unwanted individuals

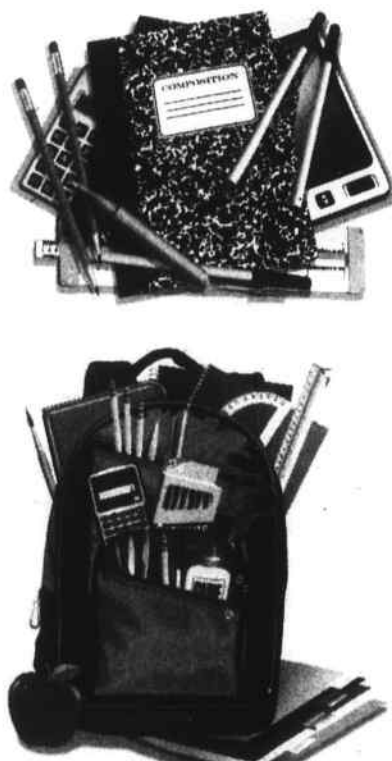
from the Caswell Motel at 450 Main Street.
 3:08 p.m. A MVA occurred on Washington Street.
 4:55 p.m. Police responded to a report of an "out of control father" at Sports World Center at 20 Carter Street.
Sunday, December 4
 9:35 a.m. A MVA occurred on East Street.
 3:16 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a business on Main Street.
 9:07 p.m. A MVA occurred involving a pedestrian occurred in the vicinity of 2020 Main Street.
 11:20 p.m. A MVA involving a pedestrian occurred in the vicinity of 433 Main Street. Pedestrian was med-flighted to Saint's Memorial Medical Center.

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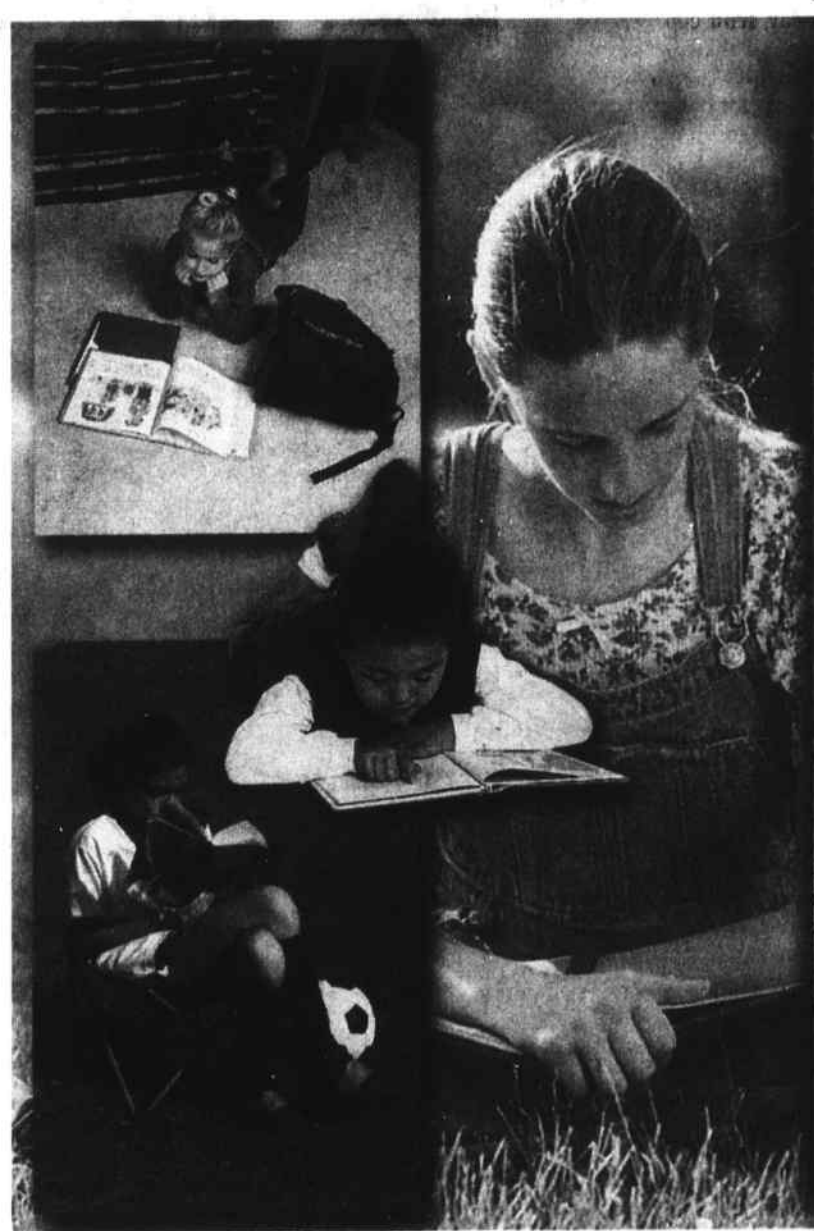
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WILMINGTON

Dec. 9: 6 - 8 p.m.
Holiday Bingo
(aka parents night out)
Patricia Romano at the Buzzell
Sr. Center. Grades 2-5 \$5.

Dec. 13: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Photos with Santa
for Wilmington residents at
the Rec. Department office

Jan 20 - Mar 24: (10 weeks)
Ballroom and Latin Dance at
Town Hall. \$40 adults, \$20 stu-
dents. Beginner Class from 7-8
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Dec. 10: 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
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Christmas Party
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\$25 per person
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Shirley (978) 851-9688

Dec. 10: 7:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Congregational
Church
Faith and Hope: A Mother's
Story is a one-woman play for
the Advent Season presented by
Olivia Woodford.
Contact Tewksbury Congre-

gational Church for more info.
Al-Anon Meetings held on
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. St.
William's Church basement
Emotions Anonymous Meet-
ings held on Saturdays at 10
a.m.

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Dec. 11: 12:00 noon - 4 p.m.
Holiday House Tour
"Christmas on Clark Rd.,
Lowell with reception from 5
p.m. - 7 p.m. at Ricardo's
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Proceeds to benefit
Merrimack Valley Catholic
Charities.

Ticket prices: \$20 advance
purchase, \$25 day of event. For
tour and reception at Ricardo's
Trattoria \$50 advance purchase,
\$55 day of event. Call (978) 452-
1421 for more information.

School lunch menus

Week of December 12, 2005

WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood & Boutwell
Monday: Chicken nuggets,
mashed potato, steamed corn,
cranberry sauce.
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese,
pretzel bites, veggie sticks and
dip, cinnamon apples.
Wednesday: BBQ beef nugget,
potato smiles, steamed peas,
peaches.
Thursday: Alphabet soup and
sandwich, baby carrots, fruit
wedges.
Friday: Pizza dippers, veggie
of the day, fruit cup.

Wilmington Elementary
Monday: Hot dog on a roll, oven
fries, steamed corn, peaches and
pears.
Tuesday: Choose your chicken,
baked potato rounds, sliced car-
rots, mixed fruit.
Wednesday: Turkey with gravy,
mashed potato, peas, whole
wheat roll, cranberry sauce.
Thursday: Pasta with tomato
sauce, meatballs, green beans,
orange sections.
Friday: Pizza wedge, veggie of
the day, assorted fruit.

Wilmington Middle School
Monday: BBQ beef dippers,
mini potato pancakes, corn,
peaches.
Tuesday: Choose your chicken,
oven fries, sliced carrots, apple
slices.
Wednesday: Turkey & gravy
mashed potato, peas, cranberry
sauce, whole wheat roll.
Thursday: Pasta with meat-
sauce, green beans, garlic bread,
pears.
Friday: Pizza wedge, steamed
veggie, mixed fruit.

Wilmington High School
Monday: Chicken patty- origi-
nal, or spicy, baked potato rounds,
carrots, cinnamon apples.
Tuesday: Baked potato bar,
chili, cheese sauce, broccoli,
ham, salsa and sour cream,
mixed fruit cup.
Wednesday: Turkey and gravy,
mashed potato, peas, cranberry
sauce, whole wheat roll.
Thursday: Teriyaki chicken,
white rice, oriental vegetable
medley, mandarin oranges, for-
tune cookie.
Friday: Pizza wedge, veggie of
the day, fruit cup.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday: Meatball sub, tater
tots, vegetable of the day, super
juice sour cherry treat, fruit or
juice, milk variety.
Tuesday: Minestrone soup, hot
ham and cheese, croissant, veg-
etable pasta salad, garden salad
with dressing, fruit or juice, milk
variety.
Wednesday: Chicken with
mashed potato and gravy, but-
tered peas and carrots, cranberry
sauce, dinner roll with mar-
garine, fruit or fruit juice, milk
variety.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
with dipping sauce, seasoned egg
noodles, veggie of the day, fruit or
fruit juice, milk variety.
Friday: Pizza dippers with

TMHS Robotics Club takes on 'Savage Soccer'

This last Saturday a team from the Tewksbury Memorial High School Robotics Club competed in the "Savage Soccer" competition at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Team captain Justin Robichaud led fellow TMHS students and Robotics Club members Alex Buehler, Nick Setzer, Ken Robinson, Paul Hanley, and Greg Lobdell through the preliminary seeded matches to the afternoon semi-finals where they were finally defeated.

The team designed and built the robot in four weeks using a Radio Shack Vex robotics kit and in accordance with the rules set down by WPI. Within those rules the students were able to use their ingenuity to create a radio controlled robot which could lift and place various objects onto a pendulum. During each match the TMHS team was paired with another school and competed against two other teams from the field of 28 competitors.

Russell Morin, founder and former president of the TMHS Robotics Club, was a staff volunteer at the competition. Russell is in his second year at

WPI where he is studying engi-
neering and participating in
robotics activities.

TMHS science teacher Ed
Cremins accompanied the team
for the day along with fathers

and mentors Bob Buehler and
Keith Robichaud. The Robotics
Club at TMHS is sponsored and
supported by Raytheon's
Integrated Defense Systems
with headquarters in

Tewksbury.
Submitted by John Morgan,
TMHS Teacher and Robotics
Club Faculty Advisor



Attached photo shows L to R Russell Morin helping Nick Setzer and Alex Buehler with the control program. Behind them L to R looking on are Justin Robichaud, Ken Robinson, Greg Lobdell, and Paul Hanley.

Angel Trees at Danversbank mean a...

Merry Christmas for children in need

Danversbank is participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program this year, in the hopes of brightening the holidays of children in need. Each of the bank's twelve branches has a Christmas tree adorned with angels from the Salvation Army. Each angel ornament provides the first name, age and gender of a child in need. Customers are welcome to pick an angel, and return it to

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100 Cummings Center, Beverly,
978-927-2282
357 Beacham Street, Chelsea,
617-887-9799
2 Central Street, Middleton,
978-774-9982
2 Central Street, Peabody, 978-
532-6760

31 Harnden Street, Reading,
781-942-2871
310 Broadway, Revere, 781-284-
7777
125 Canal Street, Salem, 978-
740-6634
579 Main Street, Wilmington,
978-988-5663
400 W Cummings Park,
Woburn, 781-938-5567.



Brownie Troop #718 and a troop of Daisies, sang Christmas carols for an appreciative crowd at the Buzzell Senior Center in Wilmington on December 1st. (Paul Chinappi photo)



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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR: Town officials and members of the Wilmington Chamber of commerce gathered on Thursday to congratulate Chuck Mulik on the opening of his new business on 420 Main Street in Wilmington Center. Selectman Frank West, Dave Mulik, Darlene Kenney, John Russo, Rose Mulik, Chuck Mulik, Barry Pett, Chamber President Pete Smargon, Virginia Hahn, Town Manager Michael Caira and Selectman Chairman Ray Lepore celebrated the ribbon cutting ceremony for Air and Water Luxuries in Wilmington. His business will provide air purification on a room by room or whole house basis. From basic watertesting to 9¢ / gal purified water he can provide whole house or point of use water systems. Chuck can be reached at 978-657-7799

Tewksbury Council on Aging

Pickups for tonight's Christmas Party will begin at 4:00 p.m. Please be ready if you are being picked up. If you are not going and do not need a pick up, please let us know by calling (978) 640-4480 by 2:00 p.m. so that we can cancel your ride. Just a reminder, there will be open seating at both Christmas Parties.

Anyone attending Saturday, December 10th Christmas Party at the Elks Hall is reminded that dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Doors will not open until 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday night Yoga at the White House has been canceled for the month of December.

One may call to see if there is any tickets remaining for Dr. Smith's Podiatry Clinic on December 13th from 9:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 and scheduling is done first come, first serve unless you were on the waiting list from last Clinic. Ticket sales began December 5th.

Jay Kelley, Chief Assessor, will be conducting a meeting on December 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Tewksbury Public Library. This meeting will cover in detail the Tax, Water and Sewer deferral programs and other

various programs offered including possible help with heating bills. This program is intended for residents of Tewksbury who may be on fixed incomes, unemployed or for various other reasons experiencing financial difficulty. All are welcome to attend.

A trip for Foxwood Casino has been planned for December 29, 2005, the cost is still \$20.00. Ticket sales will begin on Monday, December 12th at 8:00 a.m. at the White House (Senior Center).

During the winter months if there is NO SCHOOL in Tewksbury that means there are no programs or other activities being held that day. If you are not sure, you may call the

Senior Center at 978 640-4480 and we will let you know if the program is cancelled.

Tickets for Carnation Belle trips may be obtained at the Senior Center (White House) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. The following Red Hat events have been scheduled:

A Red Hat Christmas Party will be held at the Elks Hall on Thursday, December 15th. The cost is \$5 plus an item for the Pot Luck Supper. A Yankee Swap will be held at the event. One is asked to pick the ugliest item in one's house and put it in a fancy wrap for the Yankee Swap!

Tewksbury Council on Aging
Carol A Hazel

Malden Catholic Honor Roll

Malden Catholic recently announced its Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2005-2006 school year. The following Wilmington residents appeared:

Adam Lisa	.....First Honors
John Ungaro	.....First Honors
Jason Yeomelakis	.....First Honors
Nicholas Yeomelakis	.....First Honors
Stephen Allen	.....Headmaster's List
Michael Fitzgerald	.....Headmaster's List
Nicholas Clark	.....Second Honors
Michael Gautreau	.....Second Honors
Gregory Good	.....Second Honors
Raymond Gravalles	.....Second Honors
David Rizzo	.....Second Honors



Joan Ratto and Nanci Robinson helped out friends Karen and Frank West with their annual "Toy's for Tot's" drive held at the West Real Estate office on Saturday.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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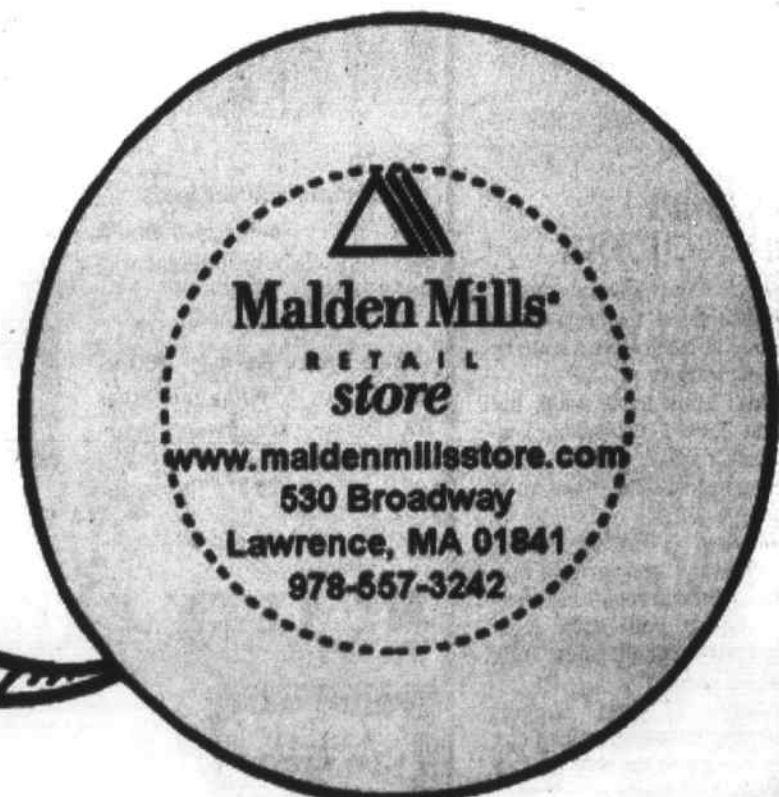
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 Nathan Grimley
 Matt Scirelli
 Jessica Griffin
Honors
 Sidney Fallon
 Christina Mori
Seventh grade
High Honors
 Savannah Snook
 Brianna Figucia
 Courtney Figucia
 Marisa Melanson

Lauren Tamburello
 Lia Tamburello
 Robyn Gonnerman
 Katy Marsh
Honors
 Stephanie Coppola
 David Perloff
Eighth Grade
High Honors
 Caitlyn Jones
Honors
 Andrew Crispin
 Jocelyn Christopher
 Arianna Miranda

Tina Falanga to wed Damian DiCenso

Mrs. Anne Falanga of Wilmington is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Tina Falanga to Damian DiCenso, son of Angelo and Lilian DiCenso of Wilmington. A September 2006 wedding is planned.



DiNuccio receives degree from Western New England College

SPRINGFIELD - Anthony J. DiNuccio of Wilmington received a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement degree, Cum Laude from Western New England College on October 15, 2005.

Cum laude honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.30 and 3.60.

Magna cum laude honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.60 and 3.80.

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Western New England College is a private, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1919. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, the College serves 4,000 students on its main campus and at six sites throughout the Commonwealth. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.



The Benassi children, Cameron 5, Natalie 9 months and Andrew 3 sat with Santa at St. William's Church fair on Saturday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



West Real Estate held their annual "Toys for Tots" toy drive this weekend. Will Servino, age 3, visited Santa at the West Real Estate office on Saturday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Academic honors at St. John's Preparatory School

DANVER - St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2005-2006 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

Headmaster's List for the 1st Quarter 2005-2006
 Wilmington

Maxwell Martin '09
Principal's List for the 1st Quarter 2005-2006
 Tewksbury
 Scott Darby '08
 Wilmington
 Thomas Nelson '07
 Patrick Ryan '07
Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter 2005-2006
 Tewksbury
 Jared McBride '07
 Wilmington
 Justin Colella '08
 Kevin Creedon '08
 Carl Crupi '07
 Paul Fortin '09
 Mark Manning '07
 Michael Wilson '07

About St. John's Prep:
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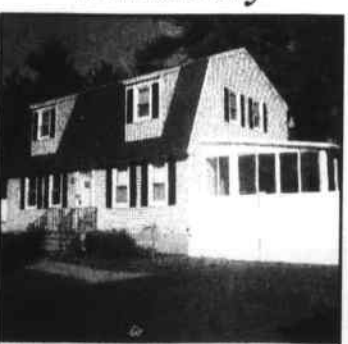
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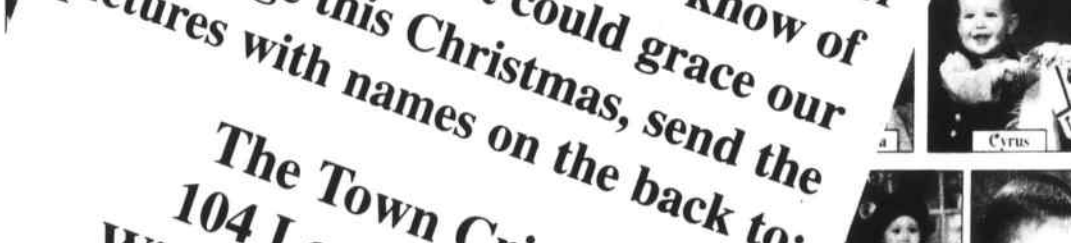
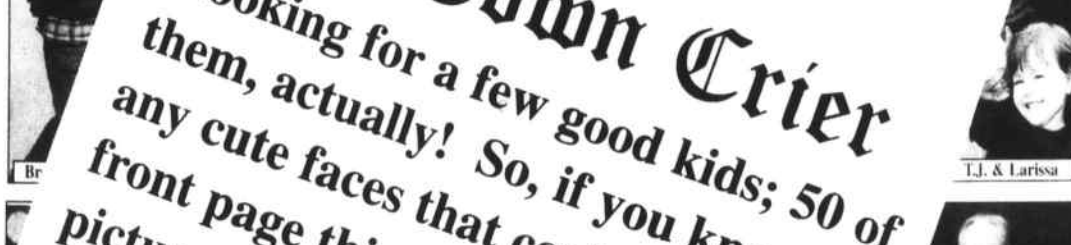
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NOTE: Photos which have been dropped off or mailed are scanned and ready for pick-up during regular office hours: 9 - 5:30 M-F

Deadline for pictures is Thursday, December 15th at 2:00 P.M.

New programs with the Wilmington Recreation Department

How to Register:

Weekdays: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Recreation Office, Town Hall, Room 8.

Mail: Recreation Department, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887

Night Drop: Place payment, class information and your phone number in sealed envelope and drop in metal slot in the wall at the left of the front door to Town Hall.

They encourage residents of varying abilities, disabilities to participate in the programs, trips, etc.

If you require an accommodation, call the Recreation Office at (978) 658-4270 or call TTY (978) 694-1417.

LETTERS FROM SANTA

(Recreation Office)
Wilmington children can receive a letter from Mr. Claus himself! Don't miss out - call by December 14th.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

(Recreation Office)
Santa has set aside Tuesday, December 13th from 6 - 8 p.m. to greet and take photos with Wilmington children.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

(Shawsheen School Gym)
Grades 1 & 2, \$25, Saturdays, January 14 - February 18, 2006, (6 Wks.)

This instructional league introduces children to the basics. Hourly sessions are comprised of drills and scrimmages. Team shirt and photo included. Registration deadline is Monday, November 28. Late registrants pay a \$5 late fee and may be placed on a waiting list. Volunteer coaches/assistants are needed.

HOLIDAY BINGO

(aka Parents Night Out)
(Patricia Romano - Buzzell Senior Center)
Grades 2 - 5, \$5, Friday, December 9, 6 - 8 p.m.

This fun night gives parents a free evening during this busy season and kids a chance to win non-cash prizes!

SAFE AT HOME, TOO

(Gunther Wellenstein - S.A.F.E. - Town Hall)
Grades 5 and up, \$33, Wednesday, February 22, 2006, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Arena, Sun., Feb. 26, 2006. 4:05 p.m. \$11. Sect. L, rows 4 - 8.

Boston Celtics vs. Chicago Bulls - TD BankNorth Garden, Sunday, March 26, 2006, 4 p.m. \$25. Sect. 305, rows 8 - 10.

Boston Celtics vs. Miami Heat - TD BankNorth Garden, Wednesday, April 19, 2006. 7:30 p.m. \$40. Sect. 305, rows 4 - 7.

THEATRE TICKETS

Sesame St. Live - Lowell Auditorium, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, 10:30 a.m. performance. \$17.50 for great floor seats.

Clifford the Big Red Dog - Opera House, Sunday, March 26, 2006, 2 p.m. show, \$40. A great first theater experience!

THEATRE TRIPS

Note: These trips include bus transportation. Buses will leave from the Fourth of July Building 1.5 hours prior to show time.

Boston Pops - Symphony Hall, Friday, December 30, 2005, 8:00 show, \$55 first balcony, center. Enjoy the Pops and a special guest performance by the Von Trapp Family Singers. Call to be placed on the waiting list.

Menopause the Musical - Stuart Street Playhouse, Friday, January 27, 2006, 8:00 show, \$46 for great seat. Hot Flash! Call to be placed on the waiting list.

Spamalot - Colonial Theatre, Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 8 p.m. show, \$99 for orchestra seat. Telling the legendary tale of King Arthur of the Round Table, and featuring a bevy of beautiful showgirls, not to mention cows, and killer rabbits! If you love Monty Python you will not want to miss this award winning show straight from Broadway!

Wicked - Opera House, Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 7:30 p.m. show, \$86 for orchestra seat. An award-winning musical about how the Wicked Witch of the West got to be so bad! Call to be placed on the waiting list.

Buses leave promptly at the specified times from the 4th of July Building parking lot unless otherwise noted.
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If the program or trip you want is already full, ask to be included on a waiting list.

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Tewksbury Congregational Church held thier holiday fair this weekend. Looking at Christmas center pieces are Shirley Smith and Donna Haines. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

3rd Annual Winter Teen Bash

Nathalie Harty, Teen Services Librarian, invites teens (ages 12 and up) to the 3rd Annual Teen Winter Bash on Thursday, December 22 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This party will feature two local live teen rock bands. There will also be snacks, and a chance to win prizes (prizes donated by the Friends of the Library). A great time to relax with your friends, enjoy some music and check out some new books and magazines in the Teen Zone.

Teen Comics Club

Teen Comics Club will meet on Monday, December 19th at 7 p.m. Drop-in program for ages 12 and up. New members are always welcome. Bring a friend. Come watch anime and check out our huge collection of graphic novels and mangas. Everyone who shows up gets a chance to win a graphic novel.

Teen Movie Night

The next Teen Movie Night is Monday, December 12 at 6 p.m. Ages 12 and up. This month's feature film is based on the science fiction novel *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. This film is rated PG. All teens who attend will be entered in a drawing to win a paperback copy of the book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (donated by the Friends of the Library).

Teen Book Club

The Teen Book Club will meet on Friday December 16th at

3:30 p.m. Ages 12 and up. This month we're reading and talking about *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Copies of this book are available at the library. Seen the movie? Now read the book!

Upcoming Children's Programs KLS Magic Castle Puppet Theater

"A Long Winter's Nap", an animal puppet show of wintry weather and hibernation will be presented by KLS Magic Castle Puppet Theater on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 p.m. Recommended for children ages three and older. Free tickets may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. Sponsored by Community Partnerships for Children, a program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

December Holidays Story/Craft

Visit or call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 to register children ages five and older for the December Holidays Story/Craft program to be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 3:30 p.m. Come and enjoy holiday stories and then make a holiday gift for someone special. Caretakers are welcome to attend.

Children's Movie Night

Celebrate the holiday season with a viewing of the feature film based on the popular Christmas book by Chris Van Allsburg, *The Polar Express*. Showtime will be Tuesday, December 27th from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. Bring something comfortable to sit on (or use our chairs) and have some free popcorn and lemonade. Rated: G. Check out a copy of book *Polar Express* or one of the many beautiful holiday picture books on display in the Children's Room.

A Literary Christmas tree

Thanks to local Girl Scouts, the library has a lovely "literary" Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that have a "book" theme. Lauri-Ann Gendreau and Debbie Hurley of Troop #1187 organized making the ornaments and decorating the tree. The following troops were involved in the project: Tree Skirt by Troop #1187, Ornaments By:

Troop #803, Troop #6, Troop #621, Troop #718, Troop #1799, Troop #694, Troop #1110, Troop #1088, Troop #1026, Troop #166, Troop #608, Troop #375.

Thanks also to Shirley Hadfield, Friends Decorating Chairman, for decorating the library with lovely holiday flower arrangements. Once again, thanks to the Wilmington Garden Club for the beautiful holiday wreaths on front of the library.



Terry McDermott, Curator of Wilmington's Harnden Tavern, explained the history of the tavern to Monica Ruff, a first time visitor from Tewksbury. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Fr. John Hanley of St. William's Church had his face painted by Nicole Crowley at the church's annual Christmas Fair held last Saturday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

The Wilmington Arts Council announces two Christmas concerts

The Wilmington Arts Center will be lit with Christmas decorations and filled with music on Saturday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. Bruce Margeson, a very talented pianist from Burlington, will be playing Christmas music, show tunes and light classics on the beautiful grand piano. This is their second year they have held this

concert. They will also have another musical treat that night - a surprise! The event is free - a gift to the people of Wilmington and surrounding towns. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend and get into the Christmas spirit!

On Thursday, December 9, the Merrimack Valley Chorus will

perform a short concert of Christmas songs and other favorites pieces at 8:15 p.m. at the Arts Center. This is also free and open to the public. Another chance to get that Christmas spirit! For more information about the concerts call Jane @ 978 658-9798.



Lori and Jake Hoffman applauded The New England Brass Band at a concert held at the Wilmington Congregational Church on Sunday, December 4th. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

The wait is over! And just in time for the holidays!

The Wilmington Historical Commission is proud to announce the release of Paul Chalifour's latest book: *Wilmington, A Celebration of Our Times*. This book contains important information about the history of our town. The chapter entitled "A Celebration of Our Sacrifices" gives details about the Wilmington servicemen who died protecting our country. And if you ever wondered where Wilmington got its name or how the town celebrated in the past, this book is for you!

Wilmington, A Celebration of Our Times is now on sale at the Wilmington Town Museum at Harnden Tavern as well as the Town Clerk's office at Wilmington Town Hall. At \$5.00, this book makes a great stocking stuffer. Buy one (or more) for a gift and buy one for yourself! For further information, call the Town Museum at 978-658-5475.

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The Tewksbury Memorial High School ECHO (Earth, Culture, Humanity Organization) Club recently enjoyed a Sunday at King Richard's Faire in Carver, Massachusetts. Many students took the opportunity to dress in period costumes and enjoy the Renaissance music, comedy and food. The students also just completed the annual volleyball tournament. The registration fee for the tournament this year was a box of pasta to be donated to the local food pantry. The tournament raised over 85 boxes of pasta. Last year's winners, the Teacher Team, was defeated this year in the first round by the eventual champions; Team X, led by seniors Mike Frazier, Mike Grasso and Rob Keddie. Other Team X members who share the 2005-2006 bragging rights include, Jay Fagone, Pat Riley, Chris Mastone, Dave McCauley, Jeff Fredrickson, Dan Johnson, and Kyle Greene.

Other ECHO Club events planned for this year include their annual blood drive, Karaoke night and a trip to New York City. The ECHO Club is an organization open to all TMHS students. The club focuses on environmental, cultural and humanitarian events and community service.

(courtesy photo)

Sperandio earns internship with the Walt Disney World College program

Wilmington resident Stephen Sperandio, a former graduate of Wilmington High School and current Junior at Johnson & Wales University in Providence,

RI, recently was selected to participate in the Walt Disney World College Program in Lake Buena Vista, Florida in the spring of 2006.

Stephen will be part of the Operations Cast where he will be working at one of the four theme parks on the Walt Disney World Property. While on this program, Stephen will have the opportunity to gain a multitude of transferable skills to enhance both his personal and professional development through educational and work experiences. The Walt Disney College Program is celebrating its 25th year of making college students' dreams come true! Stephen is the son of Patricia and David Sperandio.

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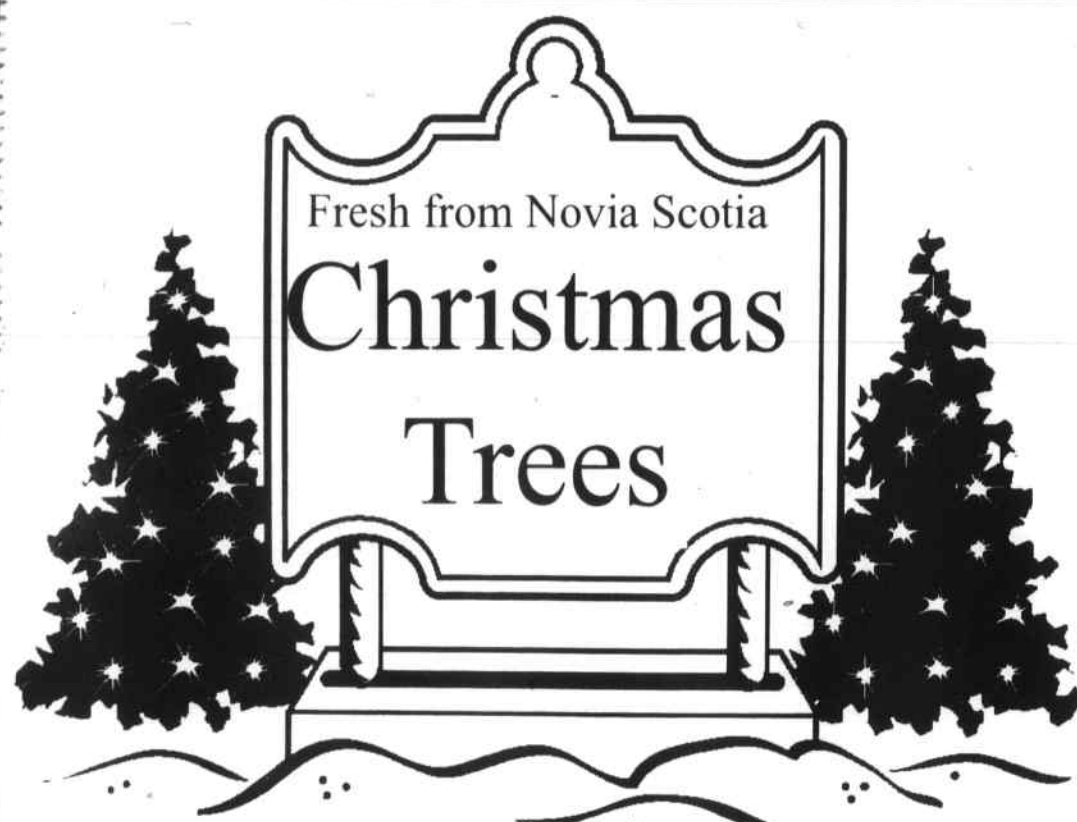
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Acme Printing name returns to Wilmington along with founding family member

Former Acme head calls return a 'Dream job'

WILMINGTON - The Acme Printing name will return to Wilmington, accompanied by a familiar face and a renewed sense of mission. On Thursday, The MATLET Group LLC of Pawtucket, RI, purchased the former 180,000-square-foot Acme Printing Co. facility on Industrial Way from Canadian-based Quebecor World Inc., a publicly owned commercial printing giant with more than 35,000 employees worldwide.

The MATLET Group formed by Gary Stiffler, a former executive vice president with Quebecor World's Commercial Division, acquired the facility and four other U.S.-based Quebecor World plants for \$70 million. The five facilities represent combined annual sales of approx. \$135 million and employ more than 600.

As its first acts of business, the new ownership promptly restored the historic Acme name to the facility and appointed former Acme head Francis Canzano as President. Canzano, who was inducted into the printing industry's Hall of Fame in 1999, will return with more than four decades of experience. "This is an amazing opportunity to bring local ownership back. This is a dream job," said Canzano, a third-generation member of the family that founded Acme in 1930.

Joining him as vice president and general manager is George Farraher, also the third generation of his family to work at the Wilmington plant. Farraher, a graduate of Rochester Institute

of Technology, has held several manufacturing positions over the course of his 24 years in the printing business including pressroom manager, web and sheetfed and plant manager. Together, Canzano and Farraher plan to revitalize the company and its reputation as one of the largest, high-quality commercial printers in the Boston area.

In 1997, Acme was sold to World Color Press, Inc. of Greenwich, Conn., which was then purchased by Quebecor World a few years later. Throughout its 68-year history, Acme's client portfolio included many Fortune 500 companies producing magazines, premium catalogs, inserts, direct mail, annual reports and other collateral for businesses throughout the region.

"There are key investment decisions that we're willing to make. For starters, new equipment is a must. I easily foresee several millions in upgrades to purchase new machinery such as web and multi-colored, sheet fed presses," said Canzano. "We see many areas for capital improvement that will significantly boost printing quality, capacity and turnaround for Acme customers."

News of the buyout was welcomed by the plant's more than 200 employees, an overwhelming majority of which had worked for Acme during Canzano's tenure. Workers were recently notified of the ownership change and immediately offered positions with The

MATLET Group under the restored Acme name. "We've received such positive feedback from many of the workers. This is such an exciting time for them as well as the company," Canzano added.

"The MATLET Group partners understand that there are two primary ingredients for success in this business - capital investment in the latest technology and having highly skilled and motivated individuals to operate that equipment," said Stiffler, now President and CEO of The MATLET Group. "Plans are underway to enhance equipment at several of our locations and to provide our workforce with improved systems, training and overall quality management. We look forward to the opportunity."

"We are pleased to conclude this transaction with The MATLET Group," said Hugues Simard, President of Quebecor World's Commercial Group. "Mr. Stiffler and his management team bring a vast amount of knowledge and experience with them to this new endeavor and we wish them all the best."

As with Acme, three of the four other plants purchased by The MATLET Group will have their original company names restored. Those facilities include Central Florida Press in Orlando, Nova Marketing Services in St. Louis, Packaging Graphics in Pawtucket, RI, and the newly dubbed Premedia Services of Detroit.



Alex Bischoff and Taylor Pereva decorated cookies at the Recreation Department sponsored Breakfast with Santa on Saturday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Brownie Troop #718 and a Daisy Troop visited the Buzzell Senior Center in Wilmington on Thursday and performed Christmas carols to the attentive crowd. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Transrail

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roughly 25 cars would likely run per day on a six day per week schedule. It is likely that a majority of the truck traffic would access the Eames Street location by way of Route 38 through Woburn. The site is located less than a mile from residential neighborhoods in both towns and from a Wilmington nursing home with more than 100 residents.

"The traffic will be unbearable," Miceli said. "I've been in this game for a long time and if they're admitting to 400 (truck trips); Mother of God, it'll be 700 (truck trips). And no one has talked about the railcar traffic that will be going through the middle of town."

The federal exemption that NET is seeking, which would override all local and state regulations pertaining to the handling of solid waste, would come from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Board (STB).

The STB is a three-member board charged with promoting the use of railways to alleviate truck traffic on the nation's highways.

NET originally filed for exemption in December 2003, but in May of 2005, the STB dismissed the petition, ruling that the scope of the project differed substantially from what was originally presented.

"The project, as evolved, is significantly different than what had been evaluated," STB Chairman Roger Nuber said at the May 3, 2005 hearing.

While it voted unanimously to dismiss, the STB did not discuss or rule on the merits of the proposal. The petition was dismissed without prejudice, enabling NET to come back to the table for another try.

And back to the table they have come, as of December 5, 2005.

The re-filing holds little resemblance to NET's original filing. For instance, the re-filing states NET's intention to comply with certain, but by no means all, state regulations, while no such concession existed in the original filing. Net will not, however, to comply with any state or local preclearance requirements. NET's latest filing refuses specifically to adhere to Massachusetts Waste Control regulations unrelated to transportation, which, "accomplish only economic objectives and not the protection of health and safety."

NET's attempt to skirt local and state regulations through federal exemption is not unique. A New Jersey-based coalition recently filed a Petition for Declaratory Order requesting that the STB rule against allowing unregulated

waste facilities at rail yards to continue disregarding state environmental laws. Such facilities, through an STB federal exemption, experience significant costs savings by avoiding state regulations. The New Jersey coalition argues that federal exemption provides an unfair competitive advantage over legitimate solid waste companies.

The petition cites an open-air waste-handling site located along a rail line in North Bergen, New Jersey for applicable review and asks the STB to issue a Declaratory Order "establishing a clear statement of statutory interpretation," that the North Bergen site and all similar facilities do not fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the STB.

According to the New Jersey coalition, several unregulated waste facilities, such as the one in North Bergen, have begun operating along rail lines in New Jersey.

"Like NET, the owners and operators of the New Jersey facilities are attempting to evade the state and local permitting process by claiming these waste facilities are not subject to state regulations because rail operations are regulated by the STB, a division of the Department of Transportation," a statement offered by the New Jersey Coalition reads.

Robert Jones, a managing principal of NET, could not be reached for comment, but told the Town Crier on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 that he is not concerned by the New Jersey coalition's request for a Declaratory Order.

"The issues in New Jersey do not even remotely parallel the things that will occur at 51 Eames Street," Jones said. "51 Eames Street is not going to be an open-air facility. It is a totally different orbit."

NET's recent re-filing does not appear to make such a distinction, however. It does not specifically describe the Wilmington facility as not being an open-air facility. Seemingly to the contrary, on page 11 of the filing, it states that the western area of the property will be used to handle bulk materials and that, "Some of these materials may be temporarily stored on the permanent asphalt cap either before or after transloading."

The western area accounts for 15 percent of the property, while the "Transloading Structure" is located in the central area of the property appears to represent the only covering.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is a lot like the North Bergen facility," Miceli said. "If it isn't, why not just come in through DEP

regulations? Why go through the STB for federal exemption?"

Wilmington Town Counsel Paul DeRensis is currently dissecting the 108-page filing and will meet with Town officials to determine strategy.

Meanwhile, Miceli will be meeting with DEP officials and conferring with his coalition.

"This is a real nice Christmas present Olin is giving us," Miceli said. "We've got our work cut out for us."



Dan Rego, Manager of Wilmington's new Cumberland Farms presented Lt. Dan Hurley, Jr. of the Wilmington Fire Department a check for \$600 on Monday afternoon. This donation will be used by the fire department to purchase fire safety video tapes to use during "Fire Prevention Week" when the department visits schools in town to educate students. First, second and third graders will see "Where There's Smoke, There's Science" and the fourth and fifth graders will see "Fire's Fury."

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Local Heroes

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Steve Ahern, from the Ahern Family Charitable Foundation, a group that raises money, then donates it to organizations that assist our troops.

Also attending was John Gonsalves from the organization Homes for Our Troops, which refurbishes or provides homes for severely injured troops that need special accommodations due to injuries sustained in the line of duty. Recently, the Ahern Family Charitable Foundation donated the sum of twenty thousand dollars to Homes for Our Troops to assist them in their efforts. Rounding out the Massachusetts delegation were 15 year old Brittany and 12 year old Robbie Berquist of Cell Phones for Soldiers, an organization they founded that refurbishes or turns in cells for phone cards and sends them to the troops.

The day began with all the participants gathering at the White House at 6:30 a.m. for a private tour. After that, they were escorted to the Pentagon for breakfast and a tour. After breakfast, the group was led to a room where Lt. General Raymond Odierno spoke and mingled with the group. Then, it was off to lunch and a personal meeting with Secretary of

Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

"It was amazing!" Cimaglia said. "After thanking us, Mr. Rumsfeld tried to speak with us individually - it was very private, much like a press conference. I remember one of Mr. Rumsfeld's comments was, 'Something truly historic is happening here. I expected a lot more press, where are they when something good is happening?'"


After meeting with Secretary Rumsfeld, the groups broke to share their experiences with each other, but Cimaglia and Ahern took off on their own to visit Arlington Cemetery and Veterans' Memorials from each of the major wars.

"It was like fitting a week's vacation into one day," Cimaglia said.

Cimaglia and Local Heroes organization will be continuing their fund raising efforts by hosting a comedy night on January 20, 2005 at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus.

"The tickets will be printed this week and will sell for \$20 each," Cimaglia said. "We're hoping to get some headliners, it should be a great time."

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Investigation

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According to Cox, however, she has not even been told that she is being investigated. With the matter hanging over her head for 15 months, she is looking for a resolution.

The WHA voted 3 to 2, during a September 9, 2004 public meeting, to ask the State Ethics Commission to investigate the matter. The public vote immediately followed a confidential executive session meeting during which the matter was discussed in detail.

According to Cox, she did nothing wrong and was only interested in protecting the safety of the tenants.

The allegations against Cox surfaced during a period of several months in which a group of Deming Way tenants were feeling endangered by a fellow tenant.

Police had been called out to Deming Way back in September 2004 when residents reported that an unnamed individual had been banging on tenants' doors. Police located the individual inside a neighbor's unit. He had apparently found the door unlocked, entered the unit and climbed into the bed. When police found him he claimed to be in his own apartment and appeared confused. He was dressed, but was not wearing shoes.

On April 6, 2004, in a similar disturbance, the male individual entered the unlocked front door of a neighboring unit, calling out to his deceased brother. According to police reports, during this incident, he appeared to be "spaced out." At the time he was clothed only in his underwear, but did not make any overt attempt to

expose himself. He was ushered out of the unit and back into his own unit by the female tenant.

Medical reasons, the natures of which are protected under privacy laws, were cited as reasons for the man's behavior and following the August incident he was taken to medical facilities for evaluation and treatment.

Police have been called out as recently as November when the same individual had entered, and fell asleep inside, an unlocked car. Once woken by police, he appeared to be coherent and was escorted back to his unit.

Charles Fiore, Chairman of the Housing Authority when it voted to investigate Cox's actions, has received a confidential letter from the Ethics Commission. He shared the let-

ter with the other two WHA members that voted in favor of asking for an investigation of Cox, because their names appeared on the request for investigation, but did not share the letter with Cox. It was Fiore's opinion that if the Ethics Commission wanted her to have a copy of the letter, they would have sent one to her.

"Nothing has changed," Fiore said. "It is up to the Ethics Commission to contact Ms. Cox."

Meanwhile, according to Fiore, the Housing Authority is taking steps to address the situation that has frightened tenants.

The Ethics Commission reviews each complaint received and, depending on whether the issue falls with the Commission's purview, conducts an "initial screening" to determine whether the facts warrant a formal investigation.

According to the Ethics Commission's web page, "The screening is an informal fact gathering stage. Many enforcement cases end confidentially at the conclusion of the screening and the matter remains confidential."

In cases determined to be worthy of further investigation, the Commission conducts a Preliminary Inquiry and further actions may follow. However, "If the Commission finds 'no reasonable cause' to believe the law has been violated, the case is closed and records and proceedings of the investigation remain confidential."

"Fifteen months is too long for this to hang over my head," Cox said. "I did nothing wrong and I just want this to be over and behind me."



Sandy and Jack Cushing had a great time at the Annual Tree Lighting on Wilmington Town Common. They were full of Christmas cheer ...and hot chocolate. (Dick Searfoss photo)

Wilmington Town Counsel named 'Super Lawyer'

Wilmington Town Counsel Paul DeRensis was named in November 2005 as one of 2005's Massachusetts Super Lawyers along with five other members of his firm, Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C. The list of 2005 Mass. Super Lawyers is based on surveys of more than 32,000 lawyers across

the state aimed at selecting as Super Lawyers the top 5 percent of Massachusetts attorneys in more than 60 practice areas.

Mr. DeRensis' practice is concentrated in the area of municipal law, and he was one of only nine lawyers statewide recognized as a Super Lawyer in the municipal law area.

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The United Methodist Church Choir singing Christmas carols during the Annual Tree Lighting on Wilmington Town Common. (Dick Searfoss photo)

Alumni Directory

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graduated, but also those who attended Wilmington schools for a while but left the system.

The Alumni Directory is the brainchild of Kathleen Bell (Harrington) Class of '63. Bell not only graduated from Wilmington High, but also recently retired from a career as a WHS math teacher. Along with the efforts of Ben DeGennaro, Assistant Administrator at Boston University and WHS Class of '98, who designed and implemented the new Alumni website (www.wilmingtonalumni.org), and with strong support from Superintendent McAlduff, Bell was able to bring her dream of a viable alumni association for Wilmington to fruition. She is particularly excited about the new website.

"The website has enough room to have a webpage for each of the graduated classes," Bell said. "We are going back to 1945 for the alumni directory but we actually have some names and information such as transcripts that date back as far as 1914. Many of the prominent town families are listed in our directory."

Bell researched the information for the directory all summer and said it was fascinating to see some of the people's names that actually had

Wilmington streets named after their families.

"These names actually showed the history of Wilmington, it was extremely interesting experience."

Bell has compiled all the WHS yearbooks since 1945 and is trying to locate alumni to populate the association.

"We should have a class agent for each of the graduated classes. That person would be responsible for contacting the people in their class to update our records."

Bell asks that any classes that have had reunions contact her because she can use that information to update her records. She also asks that any class planning a reunion contact her so she can provide any information she may have.

The directory is being compiled and edited by publisher, Harris Connect of Norfolk. But, Bell needs the help of WHS alumni to compile accurate information for the directory. There will be a mailing to all recorded alumni and Bell is asking that anyone receiving the mailing respond to Harris Connect as quickly as possible. You may provide as much or as little information as you like, including biographical details like current name, address, phone number and any professional information.

The association currently is residing in some space at the high school, but has approached the Board of Selectmen for larger quarters at the recently refurbished West School.

"I am always looking to fill in the years that are missing from the yearbook collection but also have some duplicate years. Three alumni have already bought yearbooks. We have actually given some to the Wilmington Public Library to fill out their collection as well."

If anyone has an extra yearbook they would like to donate or if you have lost your yearbook and would like to purchase another, please contact Kathleen Bell at 978-851-2436 or by logging onto the Wilmington Schools Alumni Association website at www.wilmington-alumni.org.

You may also contact Harris Connect by calling the toll-free number listed on the mailing you will soon receive. You may also choose to fax information to 1-757-455-4141 or e-mail your updates to gcupdate@harrisconnect.com. Please include the name of Wilmington Schools Alumni Association in your update subject line. For regular mail, please send information to: Wilmington Schools Alumni Association Directory Project, c/o Harris Connect,

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Town Crier's 2005

Coach of the Year: Joe McMahon

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In his 23 years on the Wilmington Fire Department, Lt. Joe McMahon was asked about any horrific fires or any nights that stood out. He responded by saying that the biggest impact came after the Worcester Firefighters tragedy in 1999 and after the Sept. 11 attacks because of the effort put forth by the entire Wilmington department to help those in need in New York City and Worcester.

Impacts is what McMahon is all about. He taught children — from kindergarten all the way through high school — Fire Prevention for about eight years.

Then six years ago, he was instrumental in putting a new sport on the map at Wilmington High School: girls hockey.

"It was something I always wanted to try," said McMahon. "I had two nieces who were playing at the time at Austin Prep and I had spoken to (previous athletic director) Jim Gillis and told him that if he ever started a girls hockey program, I'd be interested in coaching the team. A year and a half later, he called me."

Since that phone call, and since that first practice, first game and first season, the Wildcat girls hockey team has improved drastically.

Take for example this past season. The Wildcats captured its second straight Cape North League title, compiling an overall record of 19-3, which included the program's first ever state tournament victory, before losing in the Division 2 North sectional semi-finals against state finalist and then defending state champion Westford Academy.

"Last year was tremendous not only on the ice but off the ice," said McMahon, whose team also went from winning four games to 17 from the 2002-'03 season to the '03-'04 season. "We had a phenomenal mix of players and the chemistry we had is something you don't experience too often with teams. They were just such a close knit team. They just meshed really well. Whenever there was one girl, the entire team was right with her."

The team had some excellent talent with the likes of Casey Pickett, Jen Corcoran and goalie Julie Martell to name a few.

But McMahon said it was the overall leadership that helped the Wildcats defeat talented teams such as state champion St. Mary's of Lynn, Billerica, Chelmsford and Westwood.

Those three first victories helped the team capture its second straight league title and the last also made school history with the first post season win.

"You can never expect a league championship," he said. "Because you're not sure what you have and you're not sure what you're going up against. We knew we had some talented kids but once the season got going and we saw how close this team was, we knew we were destined for great things."

"We lost a lot of great kids from that team," said McMahon. "We had such a great mix and each one of those kids left a special mark. They were just phenomenal leaders and such an inspiration for the rest of the team to skate harder, to play better and they just did such a great job all around."

Post season rush

After taking the league championship, Wilmington went into the post season for the second straight season. The year prior Wilmington lost in the first round to a very good Andover team. This past March they matched up against Westwood in the first round of the tournament and came away with the 6-1 win.

"It was a terrific state tournament run," said McMahon. "We beat Westwood and we had never been able to beat them before that. All we say at the beginning of each year is that we want to do better than the previous year."

"We lost in the first round of the state tournament, and beating Westwood was such a big win for us. We were able to take that next step forward and I think as coaches that's all you can ask for."

Wilmington then moved on to play Westford Academy, who were led by two terrific players, Lindsay Harrington and goalie Elisa LaRoche. Westford came away with the 4-0 victory. LaRoche turned away 28 Wildcat shots, while Harrington scored her 100th career goal in the same game.

"Hands down they were a better team than us," said McMahon. "I think nerves

came into play with us, but we faced a very good team who had a hot goalie and a hot scorer and sometimes that's all you need in hockey."

"But the girls played their hearts out, but we lost to a team that was better than us."

Wildcat Blue forever

McMahon has been a Wilmington native his entire life. He was involved in the Wilmington Youth Hockey program throughout his childhood and continued to play while he attended Austin Prep High School in Reading.

"I didn't try out for Austin Prep," he said. "I wanted to stay involved in the Wilmington youth hockey because I knew all of those kids. Plus Austin Prep was so good back then and just drew so many great players from so many towns."

After graduating from AP, McMahon attended North Shore Community College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Fire Science. He said he always wanted to be a fireman.

While he puts the uniform on every work day, he has also enjoyed trotting down to the Ristuccia Exposition Center and lace up his skates for those dreadful 5:30 am practices with the girls team.

"It's been quite the transition since that first practice," he said. "If you look at our first game and then look at us now it's incredible how much we have improved. And I think it's going to continue to be promising."

"This year we are very young with a lot of seventh and eighth graders, but four or five of them have hockey experience. When we first started out just three or four players on the entire team had hockey experience."

"Now we have 23 girls on the team and most of them have hockey experience and that's a big credit to Wilmington youth hockey who does a great job as our feeder program."

His turn for assistance

McMahon was extremely sincere when he spoke at length about his staff and really strived to have this reward go to all of them.

"They deserve most of the credit," said McMahon. "Kenny DeMaggio has been with me since day one. Bob Murphy,



Wilmington High girls hockey coach Joe McMahon guided the team to an 19-3 overall record including a league title for the second straight year, the program's first ever state tournament victory and a trip to the sectional semi-finals.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Jim Dawson and Julie Brisbois have been with me for three years and Sherry Mills played for me and has come back to help out. All of them are volunteer coaches.

"I've known Kenny since the first grade and we've known Murph since youth hockey and we all played together."

"Julie and Sherry are very responsible for the locker room stuff and have been such great role models to the girls. I have the best staff and couldn't have done it without them."

Athletic Director Ed Harrison couldn't agree more with McMahon.

McMahon. "Joe has been there since the beginning of the program and he's an extremely dedicated coach who has obviously done a great job with the girls and the program," said Harrison. "Knowing Joe, I bet he'll be the first one to recognize his assistant coaches and give them all of the credit. Joe has a great group of people behind him with Kenny DeMaggio, Bob Murphy, Jim Dawson and Julie and Sherry."

"I bet you Joe is embarrassed with this award but I'm happy for him and his staff because

they deserve it. "I think they have done a real nice job with the girls. Coaching that team is a little different because you have the co-op with the players coming from North Reading and Joe has really handled that situation very well. He also has seventh and eighth graders on the team so he has to go through a lot of different things than other coaches have to go through."

"I think he has surrounded himself with a great group of all volunteer coaches and they work very well together."

Town Crier Coach of the Year

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2003	Sue Hendee - Girls Soccer
2002	Jim McCune - Boys Basketball
2001	Mike Pimental - Wrestling
2000	Steve Scanlon - Hockey/Soccer
1999	Steve Scanlon - Hockey
1998	Dick Scanlon - Baseball/Soccer
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1996	Bob Almeida - Football
1995	Jim McCune - Boys Basketball
1994	Paul Lyman - Softball

Coach of the 90s decade: Paul Lyman Softball

Herra, football players, honored by CAL

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Cape Ann League announced its All-League football players recently and Wilmington once again did very well. The Wildcats finished with an 8-2 regular season record good for third place in the CAL Large School Division behind North Andover and Pentucket, the two teams that defeated the 'Cats. Wilmington finished 9-2 overall with the win on Thanksgiving against Tewksbury.

Senior quarterback Joe Herra was named the league's Co-Player of the Year, sharing the award with Pentucket senior quarterback Tom Beaton. Herra, who won the award by himself last year, completed 66-of-121 passes this season for 1,161 yards including 13 touchdown passes and just four interceptions. In addition he rushed the ball 59 times for 275 yards including six touchdowns. He also picked off 14 passes playing free safety.

For his career, Herra ended up completing 214 of 437 passes for 3,773 yards including 47 career TD passes and 19 interceptions. He also rushed for

1,463 yards including scoring 29 touchdowns. He has also been named a Lowell Sun All-Star and a Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic for the second straight season.

Besides Herra, Wilmington also had five players selected to the first team offense and defense teams. Senior lineman Mike Haepers, who played very well all season in various positions, was one of five players in the league to be named as an offensive lineman. Senior wide receiver Sean Murphy, who caught 28 passes for 502 yards including scoring four touchdowns, was named all-conference for the second straight season. Last year he caught 14 TD passes giving him 19 over the two year span.

Senior running back Zack Mayo was also named as one of the five running backs to the first team. Mayo rushed the ball 140 times for 956 yards with 14 touchdowns, and also caught 10 passes for 126 yards with one TD. He ended up with 16 touchdowns on the season, with the last one coming on a punt return.

Defensively, Wilmington had two players named all-league.

Senior linebacker Stephen Downs, who battled back from a preseason knee injury, was one of the six linebackers named to the team, while junior cornerback Greg Stewart was one of six defensive backs named to the squad.

In addition, Wilmington had three players named to the honorable mention team including senior linemen Mike Fields and Matt March, and junior running back Rich Barry.

Correction

Two weeks ago in the Thanksgiving Football section it was written that Wilmington High senior Zack Mayo was entering the Tewksbury game with 875 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns. It said that in the previous ten years only Derek Hanley had 17 touchdowns and over 1,000 rushing yards in one season as Mayo was trying to surpass his statistics.

That was incorrect. In the 2000 season, senior running back Bobby French scored 17 touchdowns and rushed for 1,031 yards.

Mayo ended up rushing for 956 yards with 16 touchdowns. We apologize for the error.

WHS Girls Hockey Preview

Lady Wildcats hoping for a three-peat

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After posting a school record 19 wins, including winning the North Cape League title for the second year in a row and winning a state tournament game for the first time in program history, the Wilmington High girls hockey team is back looking for bigger and better things starting with Saturday's season and home opener against Wayland/Weston.

Last year the Wildcats posted a 19-3 overall record which included a 6-1 first round tournament victory over Westwood and then a 4-0 loss to the 2003-'04 state champion and eventual state finalist Westford Academy.

Although a lot of talent and a lot of very good leaders are gone from the club, head coach Joe McMahon returns 13 players with experience, and has also added several middle school players who seem to have a very promising future.

"We are very young but these girls can play," said McMahon.

This year's roster seems to be a scene taken right out of "Mighty Ducks". Basically it's variety of different kinds of players who comprise the roster. McMahon has four seniors and then 19 others who range from seventh grade to eleventh grade, including seven players

over from North Reading, while two others have been figure skaters their whole lives and now have grabbed a stick and elbow pads to make the Big Club.

The team's co-captains are Melissa Bianchi, a talented defenseman who is from North Reading, and then forward Erin Magee. Katelyn Lynch is also a blueliner, who has seen time at forward and Brittany Zolt is the fourth senior on the team and she is a forward.

The team also returns nine other letter winners from last year including defensemen Lauren Heenan and Kristen McNally, forwards Maria Tucker, Alicia Valeri, Maria Pescatore, Jessica Scioi, Colleen Magee and Katelyn Souza.

The last returner is eighth grader Amelia Woodbury, who served as the team's back-up goalie last year and now inherits the full time position.

"So far we have just had some practices and she looks outstanding," said McMahon. "(Assistant coach) Jim Dawson has really worked with her and we're looking for good things from her this season."

There's also ten newcomers to the team including one very interesting one. Senior Danielle Temaglia, a junior and All-Scholastic soccer player who

scored her 100th point this past fall for North Reading, will serve as the team's back-up goalie.

"She never played goalie before," said McMahon. "I guess she's quite the athlete. And again with Jimmy working with the goalies, she'll be fine."

The other newcomers include the two figure skaters, Theresa McMahon (no relation to the coach) and Taylor Howland. Fiona Gately and Kristin Luccier all have hockey experience, and Sara Alonardo, Meghan Souza, Kristie Moulton and Katelyn Ray add depth.

McMahon said that he didn't have his lines set yet but he could possibly have a dynamic first line with the possibility of Scioi, Tucker and Pescatore with Lynch and Bianchi on defense.

"Scioi, Tucker and Pescatore can all score," he said. "But I'm also expecting Nazzaro, Lucier, Meghan Souza and the two Magees to be right up there too. We're expecting a lot of good things."

Wilmington hosts Wayland/Weston on Saturday at the Ristuccia Arena beginning at 2:30. That will be the first of eight home games on Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats face league foes Gloucester, Marblehead,



The two-time Cape North girls hockey team of Wilmington will be looking to capture its third straight league title when the season opens Saturday at home against Wayland/Weston. This year's team will be led by Melissa Bianchi and Erin Magee.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Masconomet, Chelmsford and Cambridge twice each, and have single games with Wayland/Weston, Newton

South, Lincoln-Sudbury, Beverly, Waltham, Algonquin Regional, Concord-Carlisle, Chelmsford, Andover and

Billerica to round out the rest of the schedule.

WHS Wrestling Preview

Sectional champs ready for more

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year the Wilmington High wrestling team made school history with its first ever Division 3 North sectional championship. With seven seniors returning who all had a share of that title, head coach Mike Pimental hopes the winning tradition will continue, but realizes it will be very difficult with a roster that's comprised of many newcomers.

"We are young but it's promising," he said. "We're coming off a real good season and we're hoping to carry that over to this season. We have a good senior nucleus to build around and we have many new kids who are looking to earn spots in the lineup and help keep it going."

Last year the Wildcats finished 12-8 in the regular season finishing second in the Cape Ann League and were crowned sectional champions. Four seniors are back who placed in

the sectionals meet. Tri-captains Jon Kelly was a Cape Ann League champion and was second at the sectional meet.

The other two captains, Mike Sorrentino was third at the sectionals, and Evan Walsh placed second at the sectionals and fifth at the Division 3 State Meet.

Nathan Clapp was fifth at the sectionals, and Dan Hall, Nick Gustin and Brian Wilson are all returning letterwinners.

"The strengths for us is the strong senior nucleus we have," said Pimental. "The weaknesses for us I'd say is just having new guys who don't have varsity experience. They are excited and are working hard to get those open spots. We're just going to see how everything plays out."

Pimental said there's about a dozen other wrestlers who either got a small taste of the

WHS WRESTLING PG SP8W



The Wilmington High wrestling team captured its first ever Division 3 North sectional title last year and will be looking to duplicate last year's success starting with Saturday's season opener. This year's team will be led by captains, Jon Kelly, Evan Walsh, Ken Adams, and Mike Sorrentino.

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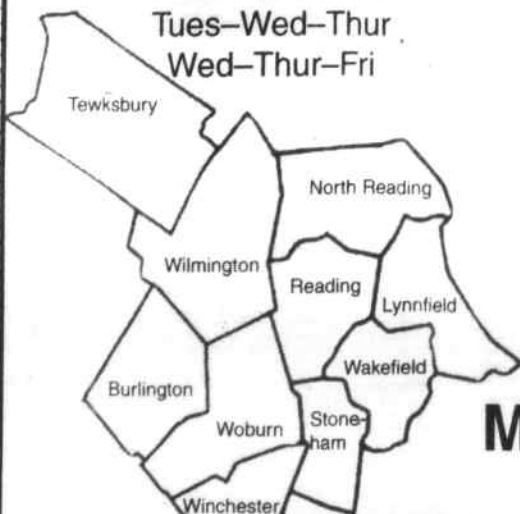
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WHS Girls Basketball Preview

New coach looking for running start

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

With almost half of its roster comprised of sophomores, first year head coach Jay Keane is hoping that speed and athleticism will take over the team's overall inexperience when the Wilmington High girls basketball team's season gets underway on Tuesday on the road against North Reading.

Keane inherits a pretty good starting five that all have logged a lot of varsity experience, but the rest of the team is very young.

"We're really young and the girls are still learning stuff I'm trying to teach them," said Keane, who was the freshmen boys coach before being named the girls head coach in June after Al Duffett resigned. "The kids are working very hard and it's a great group to coach."

Last year the team finished with an 9-11 record missing the state tournament by one victory for the second time in a three-year span. The year prior to that the Wildcats finished with an 10-11 overall record including losing in the first round of the state tournament.

The program has had just two winning seasons since the entire athletic department switched from the Merrimack Valley Conference to the Cape Ann League in 1995. Only three times during that span has the program qualified for the state tournament and it's been over a decade since the team won a state tournament game.

Keane would like nothing better to start his own trend and get this program on its feet for good.

"We had a really good turnout," said Keane. "We had 39 girls try out and we didn't cut anyone. It worked out very nicely as each of the three (varsity, JV and freshmen) teams have 13 girls. We had 20 freshmen come out so the future of the program looks very good."

I'm pretty excited and I'm looking forward to getting the season underway."

Four seniors will lead the team this year, including co-captains Alyssa Bibeau and Courtney Browne. Bibeau returns for her fourth season on the Big Club. A three-sport athlete who has really come into her own as a senior, is a 5-foot-8 forward. Browne is also a forward and she really improved a lot last year especially on the boards.

Ashley Poirier and Alicia Murray are the team's two other seniors and are also three-sport athletes. As of right now Keane said they will see a lot of playing time coming off the bench, filling in various roles. Murray is a guard and Poirier is a forward.

"The four seniors are great kids and have been really helpful," said Keane. "They have been great leaders and I'm going to be leaning on them a lot this year."

Besides Bibeau and Browne, the other three starters as of right now seem to be sophomore shooting guard Stephanie Sauve and juniors Brianne Bozzella and Ashley Vitale. Sauve did a nice job as a freshman last year and has a real nice outside shot. Bozzella takes over as the team's starting point guard after basically being the back-up each of the past two years.

Vitale has scored 519 points in her first two years on the team, and the 5-foot-10 center is coming off a gigantic all-conference season as a sophomore where she finished in double figures in scoring and rebounding almost every game.

"We're going to be running a lot," said Keane. "It's going to be an up tempo style. We're going to rebound and run up the court. Ashley will see the ball a lot and there's no secret about that. She's a very good player. But we have some good shooters on this team, especially

with Stephanie and Courtney. I think the better they play, the less chances teams will have to double up on Ashley. We'll use the half court offense but I like to run. There's a lot of speed on this team."

Sophomore Alyssa Brown also brings experience to the table as she had a solid freshman season a year ago. She'll see time at both guard and forward.

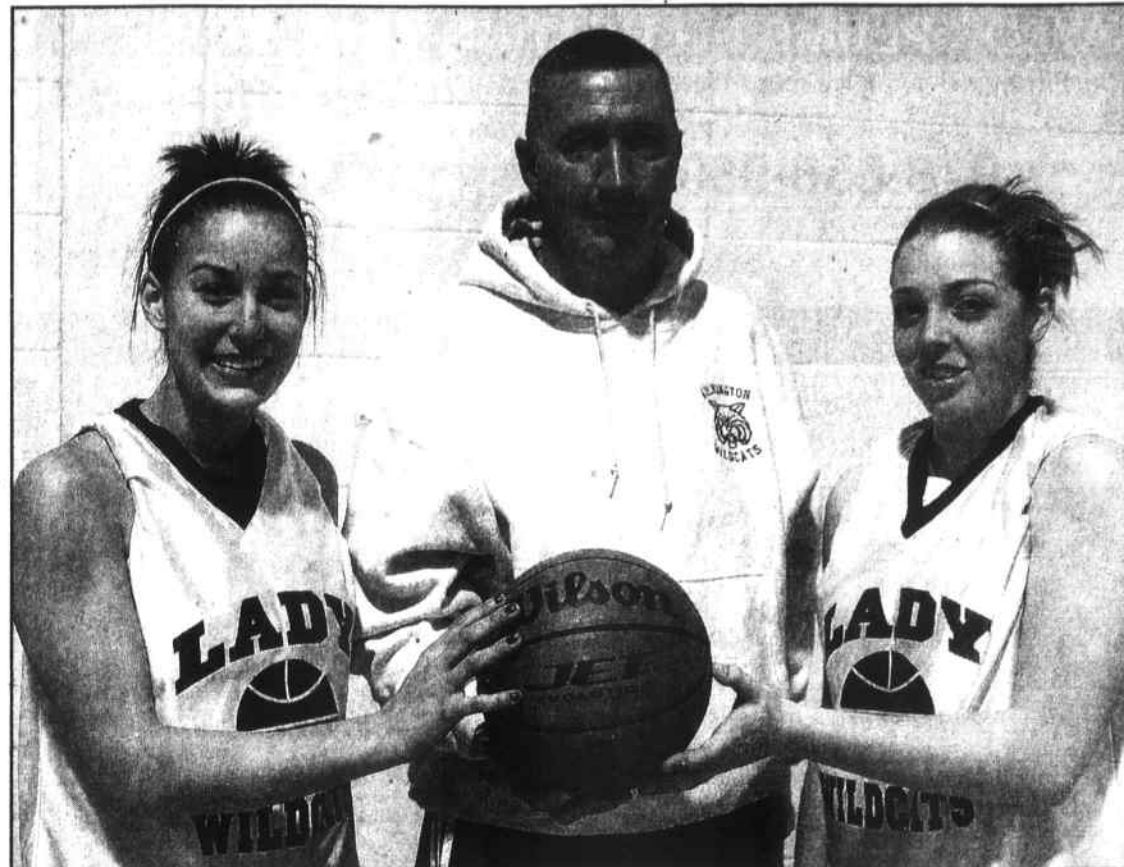
The other five players are all new to the varsity level. Junior Katie Sullivan is a guard, while sophomores Katie Cole and Samantha Souza are also guards, while Lauren Hitchens is a 5-foot-9 forward and Brittany Winchell is 5-foot-10 who will back up Vitale as the team's center.

This year's schedule is also a little bit different than usual. After opening up with North Reading on the road on Tuesday, Wilmington's home opener will be Friday, December 16th against preseason favorite Masconomet beginning at 7:00 pm.

Wilmington has four non-league games, two with Tewksbury as well as participating in the Watertown Hoiliday Tournament. Wilmington will face Arlington on December 27th and then either Watertown or Saugus the following night.

"From what I hear, Masconomet is very good and they got a transfer in who is supposed to be a terrific player," said Keane. "Hamilton-Wenham should be pretty good and North Andover lost a lot. In the middle division, Ipswich is supposed to be pretty good. But we're looking to do some pretty good things this season."

"I think our strength is the ability to work hard. I want this team to be the hardest working team not only in games but everyday in practice. I think if we do that, everything else will just take care of itself."



Under first year head coach Jay Keane, the Wilmington High School girls basketball team will be looking for its first winning record in seven years. This year's team will be led by co-captains Alyssa Bibeau (left) and Courtney Browne (right).

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UMass Lowell offering baseball clinics

The UMass Lowell baseball team will host three sessions of baseball clinics in conjunction with the Holiday and Presidents Day school vacations.

The clinics will be conducted by second-year head coach Ken Harrington and his staff as well as members of the UMass Lowell baseball team. The sessions, open to children aged 6-12 years, will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will run until noon.

The first session is slated for Dec. 26-28 at Mahoney

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WHS Boys Basketball Preview

Four-time league champs defending its ground

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High boys basketball team has enjoyed a tremendous run in the last five years. The team has advanced to the North sectional final twice, have won several big state tournament games and also are the four-time Cape Ann League champions. That's nice.

But to get to that next level with potentially another dynamic team, veteran head coach Jim McCune said it's up to the kids.

"If we want to get back to where we've been twice in the past five years, the kids have to buy into it," said McCune, with the it being a total commitment to team defense. "It's always the kids decisions. Potentially we have a real good team, but like I told the kids it's up to them. It's a matter of how hard they want to work, how much they want it and making sure that they all get together and make sure they are all on the same page."

Offensively this team once again could be tremendous. But it's defense that yes wins you championships.

"Our key is defense because we have to press the whole game," said McCune. "If the kids don't buy into that than we're going to be a middle of the road team. If they make it their mission, we could have another special season. But potential goes two ways. You can either fulfill it or you don't. Right now we're in the middle and looking to figure things out."

With three starters returning from last year's 15-5 team, and eight players back from that club that were eliminated in the quarterfinals of the Division 3 North tournament by Arlington Catholic, it seems like depth, talent and athleticism shouldn't be a problem.

"I think we're going to be good but we're just in the beginning stages right now and looking to put everything together," said McCune. "We played really well in a scrimmage against Somerville on Saturday and then (on Tuesday) we didn't play well against Chelmsford, who Somerville would've beaten by 20 points. We didn't shoot the ball well (on Tuesday) night and we're going to need that this season."

The team will be led by its three returning starters from last year. Seniors Joe Herra, Sean Murphy and Brian Caira have all been the backbone of the team's success the last two seasons.

"Joey is the best athlete in the league," said McCune. "I'm not saying that he is the best basketball player in the league because I'll leave that up to him to prove it, but he's the best athlete in the league. He's the most dangerous athlete because he can explode for 30 points on any night. Joey is going to score his points but we need other guys to step up."

Those other guys in particular are Murphy and Caira, the latter whom is out of action right now with a knee injury.

"Brian does everything well," said McCune. "He's not outstanding in any phase but he's just very consistent and steady. We can put him in any position and he'll do the job. He can rebound, he can play point guard and if you leave him alone he'll score 12 or 14 points on you. He's very valuable and we miss him right now."

Caira had knee surgery in September and had planned on seeing the doctor on Friday for the prognosis of when he can return to the team.

The third senior is 6-foot-2 center Sean Murphy. While the team is almost all guard, Murphy's presence inside will be a big factor in the team's fate.

"Murphy's a good athlete," said McCune. "We need some scoring out of him. He's usually hesitant shooting the ball but we can't have any of that this year. We need an inside presence. That way teams can't collapse on us by having someone inside. Offensively what I like about Murph is that he can catch the ball, turn and face the basket and dribble around you. He can put the ball to the floor, and he can also hit the three-pointer. Not too many

five's can do that. Plus he's a rebounding machine."

The rest of the team also seems to be very quick, athletic and tough. Junior John Olivere could be the missing link the team is looking for. While teams will try to shut down Herra from the outside and Murphy inside, Olivere could be open a lot.

"He's the budding star in my mind," said McCune. "He has all of the tools and all of the ability but just needs that killer instinct. When he's on, I tell you we are going to be very tough to beat. He has great control and command of the ball. He can shoot, he can beat you to the basket and he is a very good offensive player. And he's playing better defensively. He always has had the ability and I think he's going to have a big year. He's as good as anyone in the league."

Taking over at the point guard position is senior Tom Miele. He was the team's back-up to Mark Giordano, who had an excellent year coming off from Malden Catholic.

"Tom struggled a bit last year especially under me knowing what I want out of a point guard," said McCune. "I think he has a better understanding of it right now. He's always been in great shape and always plays hard. I think now he has the opportunity and that year experience will help him a lot."

Two juniors will also see plenty of action. Greg Stewart, who has really emerged into a terrific yet very quiet athlete, and Danny Patterson, up from the JV team also figure in McCune's plans.

"Stewart is an outstanding athlete," said McCune. "He's tough as nails, he'll run over you in a heartbeat and he runs like the wind. We need more kids like him who have that attitude and bring it everyday. He's extremely tough and at the same time he understands his limits offensively. I'm hoping his tough attitude is contagious."

"And Danny played point guard for the JV team all of last year and we'll be using him in the wing. He can play the three or the four and also has point guard skills. He can handle the ball and I'm not sure if he's a point guard per say but



The four-time Cape Ann League champion boys basketball team of Wilmington will be looking for bigger and better things this season behind its returners, (front l-r) John Olivere, Tom Miele, Sean Murphy, and Peter Rastellini, and then (back l-r) Greg Stewart, Joe Herra, Brian Caira, Danny Patterson, and Andy Otovic.

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he has good toughness, he's good at rebounds defensively and he's also a good three-pointer shooter. He's going to be a nice addition to the team."

Seniors Andy Otovic and Peter Rastellini, juniors Mike Thomas and Sean Fahey as well as sophomores Matt Brooks and Matt Bibeau also seem to be in the mix and bring a lot to the table which could make practices that much better.

"Andy is pretty good in all phases of the game and he can handle the ball. Both he and Peter have great attitudes and are big hustlers. Peter we'll be looking for more situational stuff from him, mostly defense.

He has good speed, can press and really flies to the ball and I like that.

"Mike Thomas has the ability to score and if you leave him open he'll hit his shots and Sean is a good athlete who just goes everywhere on the floor much like he does in football. If we can corral that a bit he'll be just fine."

"Brooks is 5-foot-10 and can guard kids who are 6-foot-2 and 6-foot-3. He can run and brings toughness. And Matt has good size and he'll be a guard too."

Wilmington opens the season at home on Tuesday night against North Reading. McCune said in the CAL Large School Conference he thinks

Masconomet will be very tough while North Andover is always there with its proud tradition.

Newburyport brought over the former Georgetown coach Tom L'Italien, and they should be improved while Hamilton-Wenham also has a new coach.

"I think the large school division is wide open," he said. "For us it's going to come down to defense."

"We don't have a lot of size, but we have a lot of very good athletes, who have speed. But these guys need to understand that they need to use that speed and aggressiveness on defense."

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Plouffe qualified for the NCAA Championship in the 5,000 meters by placing second overall (to UML assistant coach Nate Jenkins) and first among collegiate entries with a time of 14 minutes, 46.24 seconds. Junior Jason Beausoleil (Dracut, MA) placed eighth in 15:26.10.

Colon captured the 800 meters in 1:57.18, edging Northeastern's Jose Fernandez (1:58.21) by just over a second. Senior Ronald Lutkus (Lowell, MA) placed sixth in 1:59.96.

Caves won the 500 meters in 1:04:37 and led three River Hawks among the top six finishers. Senior John Drinkwater (Tewksbury, MA) placed fourth in 1:05.13 while freshman Patrick Molloy (Methuen, MA) placed sixth in 1:07.47.

The River Hawks captured

the 4x400 meter relay in 3:21.14 and defeated the likes of Northeastern (3:21.84) and New Hampshire (3:22.36). Leading the UML foursome was sophomores Terry Young (Mansfield, MA), Jeff Destino (Gloucester, MA) and Kevin Bettencourt (Chelmsford, MA) and junior Clint Cooper (Raynham, MA).

On the day, 19 UML athletes posted top-10 finishes in nine events.

Young also placed third in the long jump -- tops among Division II and III entries -- with a distance of 21-10.75 while senior Wally Sacco (Stoneham, MA) placed fifth at 21-5.5.

In the 1,000 meters, juniors Matt White (East Bridgewater, MA) and Jason Gustin (Wilmington, MA) placed sixth and seventh, respectively. White posted a time of 2:37.04 while Gustin was close behind in 2:37.89.

Junior Mike Davis (Burlington, MA) and sophomore Rocky LeFort (Nashua, NH) placed fifth and seventh, respectively, in the shot put. Davis threw for a distance of 49-11.0 while LeFort came in at 48-3.25.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN

No. 131645 T.L. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to

Angelo DeLauri and Mary (DeLauri) Racca, both deceased, both formerly of Somerville, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Salvatore DeLauri also known as Salvatore DeLauri, now or formerly of Virginia Beach, in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Phyllis Porter, now or formerly of Marshfield, Plymouth County, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Ron Racca, now or formerly of Somerville, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Anthony Racca, now or formerly of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio; Robert Racca, now or formerly of Colorado Springs, in the State of Colorado; or their heirs, devisees or legal representatives:

Whereas, a certain complaint has been presented to said Court by the Town of Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceeding described in said complaint and concerning a certain parcel of land situate in said Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex, and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said complaint as follows;

Vacant land in said Wilmington, located on Houghton Road, and shown as Parcel #9A on Assessors' Map #20, and described on a deed in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book #1532, Page #2.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said complaint you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said complaint, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Courthouse located on 226 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114), on or before the twenty-third day of January in the year two thousand and six.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said complaint will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said complaint or any judgment entered thereon.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published forthwith once in the Town Crier a newspaper published in said Wilmington.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this sixth day of December in the year two thousand and five.

Attest with Seal of said Court.

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
Plaintiff's Attorney: James E. Coppola, Jr., Esq., Coppola & Coppola, 40 South St. Marblehead, MA 01945 (781) 639-0140.

12.7.05 4926

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN MEETING FORMER AGFA CORPORATION FACILITY 80 INDUSTRIAL WAY WILMINGTON, MA Release Tracking Number: 3-17097

Permit Number: W023879 Agfa Corporation received a petition from 10 residents in the Town of Reading requesting this location be designated as a Public Involvement Plan site, in accordance with MGL c.21E §14(a). This law requires that, upon receiving such a petition, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions must be prepared and a public meeting to present the proposed plan held.

Agfa Corporation designated this site as a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) site on November 18, 2005. A public meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Reading Police Station, 15 Union Street, at 7:00 p.m., on December 20, 2005 to present the draft Public Involvement Plan, and to provide an update on response actions at the site. Copies of the draft Public Involvement Plan will be made available at the meeting.

Any questions regarding this meeting or the Public Involvement Plan should be directed to Ms. Charlene Graff, Manager, Environmental Health and Safety, Agfa Corporation, 100 Challenger Road, MS 100-5E, Ridgefield, NJ, 07660, at 201-373-4613, or charlene.Graff@agfa.com 12.7.05 4928

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Case No. 315373 To: Paul W. Ritson Patricia A. Ritson

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, Without Recourse claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 10 Mystic Avenue, given by Paul W. Ritson and Patricia A. Ritson to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, dated September 22, 2004, recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17905, Page 269, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 2nd day of January, 2006, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 16th day of November, 2005. 12.7.05 Deborah J. Patterson 4931 Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 05P5195EP1 In the Estate of FREDERICK J. ZIMMER A.K.A. FREDERICK ZIMMER Late of TEWKSBURY

In the County of MIDDLESEX Date of Death October 9, 2005 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARY E. SULLIVAN of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 2, 2006.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 28, 2005.

12.7.05 John R. Buonomo 4934 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department MIDDLESEX Division DOCKET NO. 02P5933EP

Notice Of Fiduciary's Account To all persons interested in the estate of Anna M. Low late of Wilmington, Middlesex County, You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account of Charles L. Petri as executor -(the fiduciary) under will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before the 28th day of December, 2005, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, Robert W. Langlois, Acting Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this 28th day of November, 2005.

12.7.05 John R. Buonomo 4930 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 05P4886AD1 In the Estate of MARY ANN BENEDICT Late of TEWKSBURY

In the County of MIDDLESEX Date of Death August 17, 2005 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that MICHAEL J. BENEDICT of BILMERICA in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 19, 2005.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE Acting First Justice of said court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 18, 2005.

12.7.05 John R. Buonomo 4924 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 15, 2005 at 6:40 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Fahey Place, Inc. for a Comprehensive Permit under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40B, S. 20-23 Et. Seq. to construct two 12-unit affordable housing buildings and to convert the upper floor of the existing office building to three apartment units. Premises located at 1360 Main Street, Assessor's Map 60, Lots 65 and 66, zoned Residential/Commercial.

Steven J Sadwick, Director 11.30.05, 12.7.05 4921

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Neilson, as shown on said plan for all purposes of a street, to be used in common with others entitled thereto.

The above described premises are conveyed subject to the provisions set forth in Document sixteen thousand four hundred twenty-eight (16428) insofar as in force and applicable.

The above described land is subject to pole easements as set forth in a deed given by Sidney R. Miller to the Town of Reading, et al dated September 12, 1916, duly recorded in Book 559, Page 263.

The above described land is also subject to the flow of a natural water course running through the same as shown on Land Court Plan 17631A, a copy of a portion of which is filed with certificate of Title No. 5723.

The land is subject to the right to use a right of way fifteen feet (15') wide as shown on said Subdivision Plan running over said Lot 82 and Lot 2 and extending to Miller Road shown on said Plan, for all purposes for which ways are commonly used with others entitled thereto.

The above described land are subject to the provisions set forth in Document No. 14381 to wit:

"The grantees, their heirs and assigns agree to pay their due proportion with others having the same privileges in said Miller Road of the expense of maintaining said Road in the proper repair".

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 154503 and Noted on Certificate of Title Number 31463.

The premises will be sold sub-

ject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 c/o Sanjit S. Korde or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-D, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-D, without recourse, present holder of said mortgage; by its attorney Sanjit S. Korde Korde & Associates, P.C. 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210 Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 (978) 256-1500 12.7.05, 12.14.05, 12.21.05 4932

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on December 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 69-05 Robert & Rosa Pendenza Map 11 Parcel 48A To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations Table II §5.2.4 for an addition to be 26 feet from the front yard lot line on Fourth Avenue when 50 feet is required for property located on 20 Albany Street.

Case 70-05 Quality Additions Map 90 Parcel 201 To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.2 for an Accessory Apartment addition for property located on 4 Valyn Lane.

Case 71-05 William & Roberta Biscan Map 34 Parcel 84A To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.1.6.4 for an alteration to a nonconforming structure (raise 2 floor at front of existing house and construct a 16'x16' two-story addition with front porch) for property located

on 119 Grove Avenue.

Case 72-05 Mark Kwiatkowski/JoAnn Carroll Map 106 Parcel 138

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings for property located on 1902 Sandy Lane.

73-05 Quality Additions Map 95 Parcel 17Q

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.2 to construct an Accessory Apartment addition for property located on 395 Salem Street.

74-05 Quality Additions Map 80 Parcel 9

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.2 to construct an Accessory Apartment addition for property located on 7 Sprucewood Road.

75-05 Christopher Ahern Map R4 Parcel 127

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.2 to construct an Accessory Apartment addition for property located on 49 Ashwood Avenue.

76-05 Karen Davey Map 60 Parcel 22

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.1.6.4 for an alteration to a nonconforming structure (construct a full shed dormer in back and two "A" dormers in front) for property located on 173 Wildwood Street. 11.30.05, 12.07.05 4923

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Carolyn J. Downs to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, dated October 25, 2000 and recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 192023 and Noted on Certificate of Title Number 31463, and also see Land Court Order as Document Number 224001, on said certificate of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-D, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-D, without recourse is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 28 Miller Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 P.M. on January 5, 2006, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Property Address: 28 Miller Road, Wilmington, MA 01887

Property located at: Map 54 Lot 4

That certain parcel of land situate in Wilmington in the County of Middlesex, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly by Miller Road, forty-one and 01/100 (41.01) feet; Northeasterly one hundred

sixty-eight (165) feet, and Northwesterly seventy-four and 68/100 (74.68) feet, by Lot 31;

Northwesterly again by Lot 32, one hundred seventy-one and 22/100 (171.22) feet;

Northeasterly by lot 17, eighty-nine and 35/100 (89.35) feet;

Southeasterly by Lot 192, two hundred thirty-five (235.00) feet; and

Southwesterly by Lots 190, B1 and 23, by two lines measuring together three hundred fourteen and 34/100 (314.34) feet,

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown an subdivision plan 17651-N, drawn by William G. Troy and Associates, Surveyors, dated February 15, 1993, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration office, a copy of a portion of which is tiled with Certificate of Title 31463 and said land is shown as Lot thirty (30) on said plan.

Also described as follows:

The land in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, shown as Lot 30 on a "Definitive - Plan, Subdivision Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass. Prepared for: Kevin L. Field, Scale: 1"=40', February 15, 1993, William G. Troy & Associates, 936 East Street, Tewksbury, Mass., Revised: August 26, 1993, October 13, 1993". which plan is duly recorded at the Land Court Registration Office in Boston, Massachusetts. Lot 26 contains 37,180 square feet of land, more or less, according to the above referenced plan. Plan #1765/N

There is appurtenant to the above described land a right of way over a strip of land forty (40) feet wide across land of Anne C.

Tewksbury Youth Girls Basketball

Liberty pushes ball past Comets in season opener

Junior Division

Liberty 42 vs. Comets 15

Liberty played great ball against a strong team. Stephanie Champoux (18 pts.) could not be stopped on offense and took the ball away defensively on many turnovers. Strong game for Kelly Quigley (10 pts.) and Sarah Small (6 pts.). Both had consistent hustle and great scoring.

Guards Allie Tierney and Alex Bonugli both brought the ball up the court nicely. Allie Tierney had her best passing game ever.

Strong and consistent defense played by Meredith Bonugli and Julia Smith, who also scored. Nice strong under the hoop coverage and rebounding by Meredith Bonugli, Stephanie Champoux, Erin Morrissey and Samantha Lopolito.

This Liberty team has practiced and played well together already in this short season. Their passing is amazing. Stay strong girls!!!

The Comets played an aggressive offense against a tough Liberty defense. Scoring for the Comets were Caitlin Morris (8 pts.), Jamie McAllister (5 pts.) and Olivia Gallella (2 pts.). Rebecca Keogh was named defensive player of the game.

Lynx 13 vs. Mercury 5

A great way to start the season for a young Lynx team. Haley Golini led the scoring attack for the Lynx with seven points. Michelle Kennedy (4 pts.) and Shannon Smith battled all game for tough rebounds. Sarah Semenza (2 pts.), Ashley Kelly, and Lauren Intravala led a strong defensive effort.

Christina Fernandez, Kristen Walker, Gianna Pondelli and Crystal Lemas played strong all around games to contribute to the win. Tough game against a strong Mercury team.

Scoring for the Mercury were Rachel Pendleton and Hayley Feingold with two points each and Josephine Saiz, chipping in with a foul shot.

Rockers 14 vs. Monarchs 6

Great start for the Rockers both on the defense and offense. Megan Sears in the middle was the defensive player for the two quarters she was in the game. Jen Salvucci took over after that. High scorers for the Rockers were Megan Sears (6 pts.) and Devin Kelly (4 pts.). Congratulations to our new players who gave everything they had to win this game.

Scoring for the Monarchs were Paige Walker, Nicole Hamel and Melissa Mackey with two points each. Marrisa Conlon and Michelle Hopkinson were named defensive players of the game.

Starzz 28 vs. Sparks 10

It took great team defense for the Starzz to hold a scrappy Sparks team to 10 points. The aggressive defensive attack was led by defensive player of the game Jillian Phaneuf. Nice rebounding by Loren Sullivan, Helen Woods and Nicole Stratis helped support the defense as well.

Nice passing by Erin Henry, Mikayla Hodgdon and Marissa Harrington set up the potent offense led by Nicole Chaet (12 pts.), Nicole DePierro (14 pts.) and Tessa Wyatt (2 pts.).

Sparks had the first game jitters. Strong showing to a long season. Scoring for the Sparks were Haley Callahan (6 pts.), Jennifer Iannacci and Brooke Patterson (2 pts. each).

Great playing by Molly Tibbetts, Cassidy Russell, Jennifer Iannacci, Mackenzie Pierce, Haley Callahan, Bridget Casey, Brooke Patterson, Stephanie Austin, Jaime Fowler. Great game girls!

Sun 34 vs. Storm 15

The Sun turned in an outstanding offensive effort in their first official game as a TGBL expansion team. Shannell Nardone (10 pts.), Aly Spencer (8 pts.), Mariah Culwell and Hannah Culwell (6 pts. each) led the scoring outburst. Lindsey Andella and Haley Acconcia passed the ball well.

While Courtney Graffeo and Abby Plant were named defensive players of the game, the entire team played well defensively. It was a great first game for a team full of new players.

Scoring for the Storm were

Julia Bodoni (6 pts.), Emily Knoops (4 pts.), Jessica Vitale and Ashlee DellArriprete (2 pts. each) and Meaghan Blaisdell chipped in with a foul shot.

Intermediate Division

Jayhawks 16 vs. Huskies 14

Great comeback by the Jayhawks in the second half keyed by great outside shooting. Terrific passing by Katie Doherty and Courtney Downing. Awesome rebounding by Denali Murphy and Rachel Hurton. Scoring for the Jayhawks were Sarah Hogan and Jamie Flynn (6 pts. each) and Alyssa Guida (4 pts.).

Catie Vultaggio was named defensive player of the game. The Huskies played a great game and really came together as a team. The Huskies defense hung tough against a strong Jayhawks team. The season opener overall was a great success for the Huskies despite the tough loss. Scoring for the Huskies were Nicole McColgan and Amanda Cossar (6 pts. each) and Ashley Pimentel (2 pts.).

Defensive players of the game were Nicole Dunlevy, Christina Dick and Alechia Cordeiro.

Cardinals 25 vs. Cougars 11

After spotting the Cougars to a large first half lead, the Cardinals dug in on defense in the second half and limited their opponent to two points. Danielle Hopkinson, Stephanie Evangelista, Emily Wheeler and Erin Plunkett all played very scrappy defense.

Scoring for the Cougars were Lilly Burgoyne (4 pts.), Amy DeFrancesco (3 pts.), Jamie Ricciardi and Katherine Stimpson (2 pts. each). Sydney Lopolito was named defensive player of the game.

Almost all Cougar player scored in the fast-paced first half. Steals by Natlie Starliper and Gina Papageorgiou set up the Cougar offense. Excellent rebounding by Sarah Reynolds and Alyssa Martucci also fed the Cougar offense.

On defense, Emily Fugate and Kristen Mader showed great strength. Nicole Pellegrini made some excellent passes. Amy D'Entremont, Stephanie Hart and Megan Mader protected their basket with strong defense.

Terriers 16 vs. Tar Heels 8

Great game for both teams. A tough defensive battle rematch from last year's semi-final game. High scorers for the Terriers were Andrea Caprio (8 pts.) and Sheri Liggiero (4 pts.). Emily Guinai was named defensive player of the game.

Tough loss to a fast and aggressive Terriers team. Alyssa Kelly led the scoring with four points. Abby Donoghue also scored four points. Liz Connolly chipped in with two points. The Tar Heels started off slow but came on strong thanks to some aggressive defense from Maggie Middleton, Leann Tucker, Kristi Hiltz, Kailey Tirassi and Kelly Bowers.

Falcons 22 vs. Crusaders 20

In an opening game thriller, the Falcons edged out a competitive Crusaders team 22-20. Brooke Litwinsky played aggressive defense throughout the game and also scored 2 points. Emily Hartigan, Kayla Dayley, Marissa Reese and Andrea Borges played solid defense and hustled up and down the court.

Siobhan Coleman (4 points), Hayley Malone (2 points), Courtney Spinelli (2 points) and Shelby Madore (12 points) balanced out the scoring for the Falcons. Shelby Madore's driving lay-up in the final seconds proved to be the game winner.

The Crusaders high scorers were Taylor Marshall (9 pts.) and Taylor Hughes and Stephanie Fronduto (4 pts. each).

Waves 30 vs. Wolverines 14

The Waves played a great first game of the season. The terrific hustling and great ball passing as a team paid off. Scoring for the Waves were Krista Petrone (10 pts.), Tiffanie Marsh (8 pts.), Hayley Austin (6 pts.) and Kimberly Fairweather (4 pts.).

Nice defensive playing by Taryn Temmallo, Kimberly Brekalis, and Shannon Mackey. Kaylyn Michaud was named defensive player of the game.

Good job Waves and Wolverines. The score did not reflect the great offensive work of the Wolverines. Brooke Mallahan and Mary Ballway put up a lot of shots that just wouldn't drop. Allison Doyle assisted in many of the drives.

The Wolverines played a strong defensive game with some tenacious playing by Rachel Ragucci and Erin Bradley.

Scoring for the Wolverines were Jessie Bissett and Christina Lusardi (6 pts. each) and Renee Conlin (2 pts.). Taylor Eloi was named defensive player of the game.

Senior Division

Jazz 24 vs. Hornets 23

What a way to open the season for the Jazz. Alexandra Mahoney was outstanding on the boards, taking down rebounds at both ends. Kari Judge, who had 2 pts., Stephanie Trant, also with 2 pts., along with Janelle Vultaggio kept the Jazz in the game with multiple rebounds at both ends. Sara Desharnais proved to be a force on the defensive boards in the fourth quarter.

The Jazz were trailing the whole game, right down to the final five seconds when the Jazz coach called a time out to make a last ditch effort to bring home the victory. Judge with the ball, looks left to Miano who was being covered by an aggressive Hornets player, looks right, sees DiCredico, hits her with a pass, she turns, she shoots, she scores! Jazz win 24-23 at the buzzer. Great Job Everyone!

High scorers were Brianna Miano (6 pts.), Lauren DiCredico and Kim Capuano (4 pts. each). Meghan Flynn was named defensive player of the game.

The Hornets started the season with the highest intensity game of the day. Strong offense was matched with equally effective defense. Leading the defense for the Hornets were Kelsey McLaughlin with seven rebounds, Megan Luppi with five rebounds and three jump balls.

A strong defensive effort was also turned in by Kerry Kawalski, Alyssa Bradley and Jillian McCarthy.

The Hornets offense was led by Nicole Devoe (7 pts.) and Jillian Gariepy (6 pts.) mostly on fast breaks. This was supported by a balanced scoring effort from Kristen Kennedy (3 pts.), Kelsey McLaughlin, Ashley Maddaleni and Rebecca Dooley (2 pts. each) and Megan Luppi (1 pt.). Great Job Hornets! Good Luck this season.

Magic 26 vs. Raptors 17 After finishing at two points even to end the 1st quarter, the Magic girls put in a great team effort to hold off a determined

Raptors team. High scorers for the Magic were Sarah D'Agostino (13 pts.), Devan Horahan (6 pts.) and Jessica Fortier (4 pts.).

Brooke Alukonis was named defensive player of the game. Great contributions from Kathryn Anzuoni, Jackie Doyle, Stephanie Wogan and Jessica Fortier. Great game girls!

Scoring for the Raptors were Paige Gumbrecht (8 pts.), Christine Henry (4 pts.), Brittany Pandolph and Kristin Brekalis (2 pts. each) and Erin Foster chipped in with a foul shot.

Blazers 34 vs. Heat 18

High scorers for the Blazers were Caitlin DeFrancesco and Mariah Messino (10 pts. each) and Nicole Adames (8 pts.).

The Heat moved the ball well on the offensive side of play. Gina Coyle played strong offense.

The Heat blocked several shots with a terrific effort on defense from Charlotte Brace and Lisa Guardino. Both teams played a great game.

Scoring for the Heat were Shannon Sullivan and Lisa Guardino (4 pts. each) and Melissa Brown, Gina Coyle, Callina Patterson, Sam Fernandez and Alice Zottoli (2 pts. apiece).

Nicole Perry was named defensive player of the game.

Spurs 34 vs. Sonics 20

Spurs showed great hustle and passing in their season opener. Scoring for the Spurs were Melissa Popp and Casey Malone (12 pts. each), Casey Doherty (8 pts.) and Carolyn Hazard (2 pts.).

Laura Williams was named defensive player of the game. Sam Killion and Shelby Tomic-MacDonald played great defense and made some terrific passes to the open players. Great job!

After three quarters of closely contested basketball, the Sonics fell victim to the Spurs fast break. Nicole Post played an outstanding all-around game leading the Sonics in scoring with 12 points, rebounding and steals.

Danielle DePierro added eight points, while Lauren Spencer (2 pts.), Jen Bowers and Casey Reese played well defensively.

Wizards 39 vs. Pacers 20

High scorers for the Wizards were Caitlin MacNeil (11 pts.), Allyson Trayah and Jessica Sullivan (8 pts. each) and Katelynn Moore (4 pts.).

Nice try, ladies. The Pacers played their hearts out but couldn't recover in the end. Throughout the entire game, the Pacers hustled and were determined to never give up. They kept the game as close as they could and never stopped giving it their all.

Their spirit is something we hope to see throughout the season. Better luck next time, girls.

Scoring for the Pacers were Meghan McCarthy (12 pts.), Brittney Wallace (4 pts.), Jessica Joyce and Alex Remigio (2 pts. each). Hailee Bartrum and Andrea Hardy were named defensive players of the game.



The Tewksbury seventh grade boys basketball team were crowned the Hood Thanksgiving Basketball tournament with an overtime win over North Reading in the finals.

(courtesy photo)

Seventh grade boys hoop team wins Thanksgiving tournament

The 7th Grade Tewksbury Boys Basketball team recently won the Officer James Hood Thanksgiving tournament. Last year as 6th Graders they also won this tournament in an overtime thriller with Dracut. This year the Redmen rolled through their bracket with strong efforts against Chelmsford, Stoneham and Dracut. The finals would once again go to overtime as Tewksbury prevailed against North Reading.

Against Chelmsford, point guards Adam Johnson and Brendan Day ran the offense effectively as they made excellent decisions with the ball all game. Rob Wallace's aggressive drives to the basket com-

bined with Dan Sugrue's tough rebounding to help the Redmen put away the Lions. Stoneham's effort in the next game would prove to be valiant but not enough. Joe Hulme's long range bombing combined with John McCarthy's strong work under the boards would give the team a convincing victory. The convincing victories would continue against Dracut.

Sean McCarthy couldn't miss from the perimeter during this contest. Peter Stratis controlled the paint on the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

North Reading made their way to the finals with impressive victories over Wilmington, Andover and Merrimack. The

Redmen were able to raise their effort level to match the athleticism of their opponent. Stefan Herceg performed like a seasoned veteran with a strong all around game. Free throw shooting would prove to be the difference in this one as the Redmen gutted out the title game.

Kyle Thomas smoothly nailed a free throw late in the contest to help send it to extra time. Sean Connolly's free throw in overtime would give Tewksbury a lead in never relinquished. Matt Luppi was immense during the whole tournament. His two clutch free throws cemented the game and the Officer James Hood championship for the Redmen.

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Sixth graders put forth strong effort in tournament

Wilmington's 6th grade travel basketball team began the season in November with a fine showing in the Billerica Tournament during the week-end of the 12th. They won three games beating Chelmsford, host Billerica, and finishing off with a double overtime victory over AAU team Merrimack, NH.

During Thanksgiving week-end, the Wildcats traveled to Tewksbury for the annual Turkey Shootout Tournament held at the Ryan School. They ran off two victories against Chelmsford and North Reading, and losing the 6th grade championship game against arch-rival Westford.

With three tournaments of experience under their belt, Coach Chuck Osgood and Assistant Coach Carl Lentini could now look ahead to

Merrimack Valley League play starting with a game against Chelmsford on December 3rd at the Wilmington Middle School, their 3rd meeting already in this young season.

The first half was close, as big man, John Parsons (#22), kept The Cats in the game with some nice scoring (game high 12 points) and rebounding (game high 10 boards). Kyle Peach (#25) contributed some nice boards that led to key baskets down the stretch enabling Wilmington to hold onto a 16-13 lead at the break.

In the second half, Vin Scifo (#1) led the team with some nifty baskets and Nathan Grimley (#00) netted 6 points, one of the hoops coming on a "roundhouse" drive for a lay up. Guard, Tim McCarthy (#2) led the assist parade feeding the ball down low on several

occasions to open teammates. On defense, Cole Pepper (#20) and Kyle Albanese (#13) showed their swift hands and patience to hold Chelmsford at bay.

Also key to the defense was the speed of guard, Michael Brent (#8), as he stayed with Chelmsford's quick point guard, holding him to very little offensive output in the 2nd half. Further adding to the effort was the all out play of Steve Reynolds (#17) and Jacob Russo (#14), as they seemed to be everywhere on the court. Guard, Philip Lentini (#24), made 2 pivotal baskets and had a nice blocked shot late in the game to ensure the victory as Wilmington won its opener 44-25.

On December 4th, Wilmington traveled down the road to North Andover Middle School to meet up with a tough opponent in North Andover. The game started off with a defensive bang as North Andover pressed The Wildcats from the tip-off and did not let up the entire afternoon. With Wilmington not getting much help from the referees, they had to hold their chin up and fight back to hang with North Andover.

First half scoring was led by Scifo netting his team high 5 for the game. On the boards, Russo and Peach (game high 11) played hard and aggressive to help keep Wilmington close. Pepper (2 points) was again a defensive force keeping the shorter and quicker guards from getting away. Grimley grabbed a nice rebound and put it back up for 2 points as the half closed with Wilmington down 16-14. In the 2nd half, with North Andover staying with the press, Coach Osgood tried some new strategy by doing a little pressing of his own. It helped as the Cats stayed close.

Parsons showed how he can sky by blocking 3 shots (6 for the game) and Reynolds continued his aggressive play by grabbing 3 boards and getting a key steal. Lentini and McCarthy showed some spunk by battling under the boards and scoring some nice 2 pointers. Brent portrayed his lightning speed again by following the ball all over the court and Albanese muscled under the boards and grabbed a couple of nice rebounds.

Wilmington's press was paying off in the end but it was not quite enough as North Andover prevailed in the end 31-25.

Wilmington's next game is December 10, 4pm at the Middle School, and December 11, 3:30pm against Wilmington's 'B' team at the High School.



Paul Oliver age 11 of Wilmington got some what of a haircut from Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake at West Real Estate as they worked together to gather toys for Toys for Tots.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Wilmington Youth Hockey round-up

The Wilmington PeeWee II's played .500 over the last two weekends.

The Wildcats started the stretch with a hard fought 3 to 3 tie against a stubborn Malden 1 team. The two teams fought hard the whole game with no more than one goal separating them. Jackie Mulrenan scored the Cats first goal with an assist to Mike Ciampa. Drew Cummings tied the score at two with a great pass from Brendan Munro. Mark Contrado scored the last goal with an assist from Chris Piscatelli to produce the final of 3 to 3. Tyler MacInnes played a strong game at both ends of the ice.

Next the team took on Ash/West team who had the Cats number and beat the Cats 3 to 0. The team came out sluggish, but hung around with great goaltending from Nick Luise and defense from Frankie Cerbone, Chris Newton, Mike Ciampa and Scott Layton. With the score 1 to 0 after two, the team could not hold off a determined Warrior team that scored two quick goals in the third period to put the game out of reach.

The team finally woke up and produced a hard fought 2 to 1 win of a talented MRYHA team. Again goaltending and defense were solid as scoring was at a premium. Mark Contrado scored the Cats first goal with assists from Scott Layton and Nick Dirienzo. With the score tied at one, the team had numerous chances to pull ahead. Nick Pino slide one by the post late in the second period. Jackie Mulrenan had several good chances without success.

The team finally scored in the third period on a goal by Drew Cummings with assists to Jackie Mulrenan and Chris Piscatelli. Trevor Foley returned to play a good game in the win. The Cats held on to a hard fought 2 to 1 win. Three more great games to watch for the parents and great coaching from the bench.

Pee Wee D's

The Wilmington Pee Wee D's continued to show improvement in Round 1 play in both the Valley and Dual State Leagues. Sunday morning the Cats held their own against Billerica in an extremely physical matchup.

Behind 1-0, Wilmington tied the score when Zak Gosselin stole the puck from a Billerica defenseman and quickly passed it over to Alex Rooney in front of the net. Rooney's shot flew past the goalie's glove and pumped up the undersized Cats. Billerica went back on top early in the second period which saw a number of questionable hits that went uncalled.

However the Wilmington defense of Tyler Trites, Tyler Maffei and Jimmy Carlin worked overtime helping out goalie Matt Curran. Curran came up huge with 6 minutes to go in the game as he stuffed a Billerica breakaway to keep the deficit at one.

Offensively, Zach Maher, Ryan Bradley, Steve Spinazola, Jane Farrell, Andy Sylvia, Gosselin and Rooney kept dig-

ging for the puck in corners and in front of the net and Wilmington's efforts were rewarded with 4 minutes left as the line of Gosselin, Sylvia and Rooney accounted for the tying goal.

Keeping the puck alive in front of the Billerica goalie, Rooney was able to poke it home before the goalie had a chance to tie it up. The action in the last 2 minutes was fast and furious as the puck never left the Wilmington end. Throughout both shifts, every Cat got into the action trying to gain control of the puck and keep Billerica from scoring the game winning goal.

With Curran holding the fort, the buzzer sounded keeping the contest knotted at 2 apiece. Undoubtedly, this was the most physical contest the Cats have been involved in this year. Quickly heading down Rt. 93, Wilmington regrouped in Cambridge for a contest against Winchester 3. Again undersized, this game proved far less physical. Winchester showed they were the better team as they jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period and added 2 more halfway through the second.

Wilmington's lone bright spot was a Zach Maher goal with assists to Ryan Bradley and Zak Gosselin. Maher has been a welcomed addition since his return last week after missing a month of action.

Squirt D's

The Wilmington Squirt D youth hockey team had a demanding weekend. The first game against Agawam was a challenge even though our team played well.

Agawam scored their first goal during a power play. Wilmington tied it up with our first and only goal of the game by Brandon Gentile with an assist by Brodie Curtis.

The Wilmington team turned it up on Sunday against Tewksbury. Kody Dunnett was in net and he had a flawless game with a shut out. Our defensive lines were ready for anything coming at them. Gerry O'Reilly was alert, making a huge save when Tewksbury tried to take advantage of an unprotected net. With Tristen Weymouth's speed he capitalized on defensive plays.

Nicholas Brown had first shot on the Tewksbury net to get the game rolling, from that point on we dominated in all areas. First period still ended scoreless. Second period Wilmington turned up the heat. Kevin Dunfrey scored the first goal with a wrist shot from the blue line.

Soon after a second goal by Jonathan Keating with an assist by Avery Woodbury followed. Sam D'Angelo played unbelievable center with many opportunities. Third period was just as successful. Derek Santos had possession of the puck allowing a perfect pass to Austin O'Neil who had the assist in the third goal by Jonathan Keating. Austin O'Neil split their defense and took off on a break away resulting in the fourth goal.

Wildcat wrestling preview

FROM PAGE SP2W

varsity life or are newcomers. Junior Ken Adams is the fourth captain on the team and will rotate between the 140, 145 and 152 weight classes.

Juniors Nate Murcer, Brian Abbott, Tyler Summers, Kirk Wayshville and Cliff Hall, as well as sophomores Ken Joyce, Bill Liston, Hank Schneekloph and Brian Sullivan, and freshmen Dillon Halliday and Steve Sughrue will add depth to the line-up.

Pimental said that many of the grapplers will be rotating in different weight classes throughout the season, depending on who emerges and the opponent. Clapp and Kelly will most likely compete at either 112 or 199 and Sorrentino and Walsh will be in the 130, 135 and 140 mix. Besides that almost everything is up in the air.

The Wildcats open the season on Saturday with a quad meet against Franklin, Weston and host Lynnfield beginning at 10:00 am. The home opener for the 'Cats will be the annual Sons of Italy tournament on December 17th. Pimental said he's hoping the team will be in the mix.

"In the Cape Ann League, North Andover is always legendary and always at the front," he said. "And Triton has been very strong. We know we're in a tough battle and we're hoping to finish in the top two again."

Where's the Action

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Sat	Dec 10	V Wrestling	at Gr. Lawrence QM	10:00 AM
Tues	Dec 13	Fr B/G Basketball	at Central Catholic	4:00 PM
Tues	Dec 13	JV/V Boys Basketball	at Central Catholic	6/7:30 PM
Tues	Dec 13	JV/V Girls Basketball	vs Lowell	6/7:30 PM
Wed	Dec 14	B/G Track	vs Chelmsford at AHS	3:30 PM
Wed	Dec 14	V Wrestling	at Billerica	7:00 PM

Wilmington High Sports

Sat	Dec 10	V Wrestling	at Lynnfield QM	10:00 AM
Sat	Dec 10	JV Boys Hockey	at Dracut	Noon
Sat	Dec 10	V Girls Hockey	vs Wayland/Weston	2:30 PM
Tues	Dec 13	Fr Boys Basketball	vs North Reading	4:00 PM
Tues	Dec 13	Fr Girls Basketball	at North Reading	4:00 PM
Tues	Dec 13	JV/V Girls Basketball	at North Reading	5:30/7PM
Tues	Dec 13	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs North Reading	5:30/7PM
Wed	Dec 13	JV Boys Hockey	vs North Reading	2:30 PM
Wed	Dec 13	B/G Track	at Ipswich	3:30 PM
Wed	Dec 13	V Wrestling	at Hamilton-Wenham	6:30 PM
Wed	Dec 14	V Girls Hockey	at Newton South	7:15 PM
Wed	Dec 14	V Boys Hockey	vs Amesbury	7:20 PM

Reading baseball school still has openings

The instructors of The Reading Baseball School would like to announce the details of this winter's programs.

The Reading Baseball School, sponsored by The Reading Recreation Department, is this area's most popular baseball instructional program for boys and girls of ages 6 to 13.

This winter, we offer 4 exciting programs: a Pitching School, Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions, our popular February Vacation School, and our annual weekend Mini-School.

Pitching School: This is a 4-hour program where players will be taught the proper mechanics of pitching, including correct grip, tuck position, stride, arm action, leg drive, release, and follow through.

Proper warm-up exercises and pitching drills are designed to help young pitchers throw with greater velocity and control, without injury to the arm. The Pitching School is offered on four consecutive Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:15 am at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School. Players may choose either Session I: January 8, 15, 22, 29 or Session II: February 5, 12, 19, 26.

Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions: This is 5 hours of intensive hitting instruction for players of ages 6-13. Players will be divided into small groups, by age, and receive comprehensive and individualized instruction in the mechanics of hitting.

The program is designed to increase each player's ability to hit the ball harder, more consistently, and with greater confidence.

Players will be taught proper bat selection, grip, stance, stride, swing, and follow-through. Players will perform numerous drills that teach proper bat speed, balance, stride, use of top hand, use of bottom hand, follow through, and how to: hit the high pitch, low pitch, pull the ball, and hit to the opposite field.

These are the same proven drills that Reading High School players learn and use so success-

fully. There are four 4-day sessions to choose from, all on Sunday mornings: Session I: January 8, 15, 22, 29 from 8:00 - 9:15; Session II: January 8, 15, 22, 29 from 10:15 - 11:30; Session III: February 5, 12, 19, 26 from 8:00-9:15; Session IV: February 5, 12, 19, 26 from 10:15 - 11:30. All sessions are at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

February Vacation School: This school will provide 10 hours of intensive instruction in the proper baseball fundamentals and mechanics. Players will improve specific baseball skills through drills, videotape sessions, and demonstrations. Emphasis will be placed on individual instruction and improvement.

Players will be divided into small groups by age and ability and will engage in activities appropriate for their specific needs. Instruction will be in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, catching, and baserunning.

The majority of the instruction time will focus on hitting, where players will get as many as 1,000 swings. The hitting instruction is based on the demonstration and practice of proven hitting drills effective for beginning through advanced players.

The February Vacation School will be offered from Monday, Feb. 20 through Thursday, Feb. 23. Players can choose from Session I: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm or Session II: 2:00 4:30 pm at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

Reading Baseball Mini-School: This is our 23rd annual weekend Mini-School, which includes four hours of instruction in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, and baserunning. The program is conducted similar to the February Vacation School, but in a condensed form, and serves as a great warm-up for the upcoming baseball season.

The Mini-School is offered on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12. Choose either Session A: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 and

Sunday 9:00 - 11:00 or Session B: Saturday 11:30 - 1:30 and Sunday 11:30 - 1:30, at the Hawkes Field House, Reading.

At all of our programs, we believe that youngsters need frequent practice and repetition of baseball skills. Our daily schedule of drills and activities is designed to make each player an active and constant participant throughout each session.

The Reading Baseball School provides first-rate facilities and equipment.

The Hawkes Field House facilities include batting cages, pitching machines, indoor pitching mound, bat speed machine, Solo Hitter, InstructoSwing, and videotape equipment. Our goal is to help each youngster improve, gain confidence, and have fun.

The school's director is Pete Moscarello, 27 year Head Coach at Reading High School and the staff is the same group of coaches who has led the Reading High School Baseball Teams to many years of success.

At the school, players will do the same drills and learn the same fundamentals that we teach Reading High's players each spring.

Former Reading Baseball School attendees have gone on to excellent careers at area high schools such as Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield Melrose, Winchester, Burlington, Woburn, Lexington, Wilmington, Lynnfield North Reading, Medford and others. Many have continued on to play college ball and some have even played professional ball! So join us and learn the same pitching, hitting, and defensive techniques as many of the area's most successful players!

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Wakefield's WCAT

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Throughout history many great ideas have come from train rides. For example Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address on a piece of scrap paper while on his way to deliver it.

Although it may not have the historic significance to last through the ages, two local television producers, Wakefield Community Access Television (WCAT) Program Manager

Sean Downs and Wakefield resident David Watts started the process that led to them winning two top Alliance for Community Media (ACM) awards at the recent Northeast Region 2005 Fall Video Festival. The pair won First Place Comedy (Professional) and Best of Show (Professional) for their original television pilot of "American Rhapsody."

Writer-Director Downs, also a railroad aficionado, said, "I introduced the idea and concept to David during a 36 hour

train ride (to a previous ACM ceremony in Florida)."

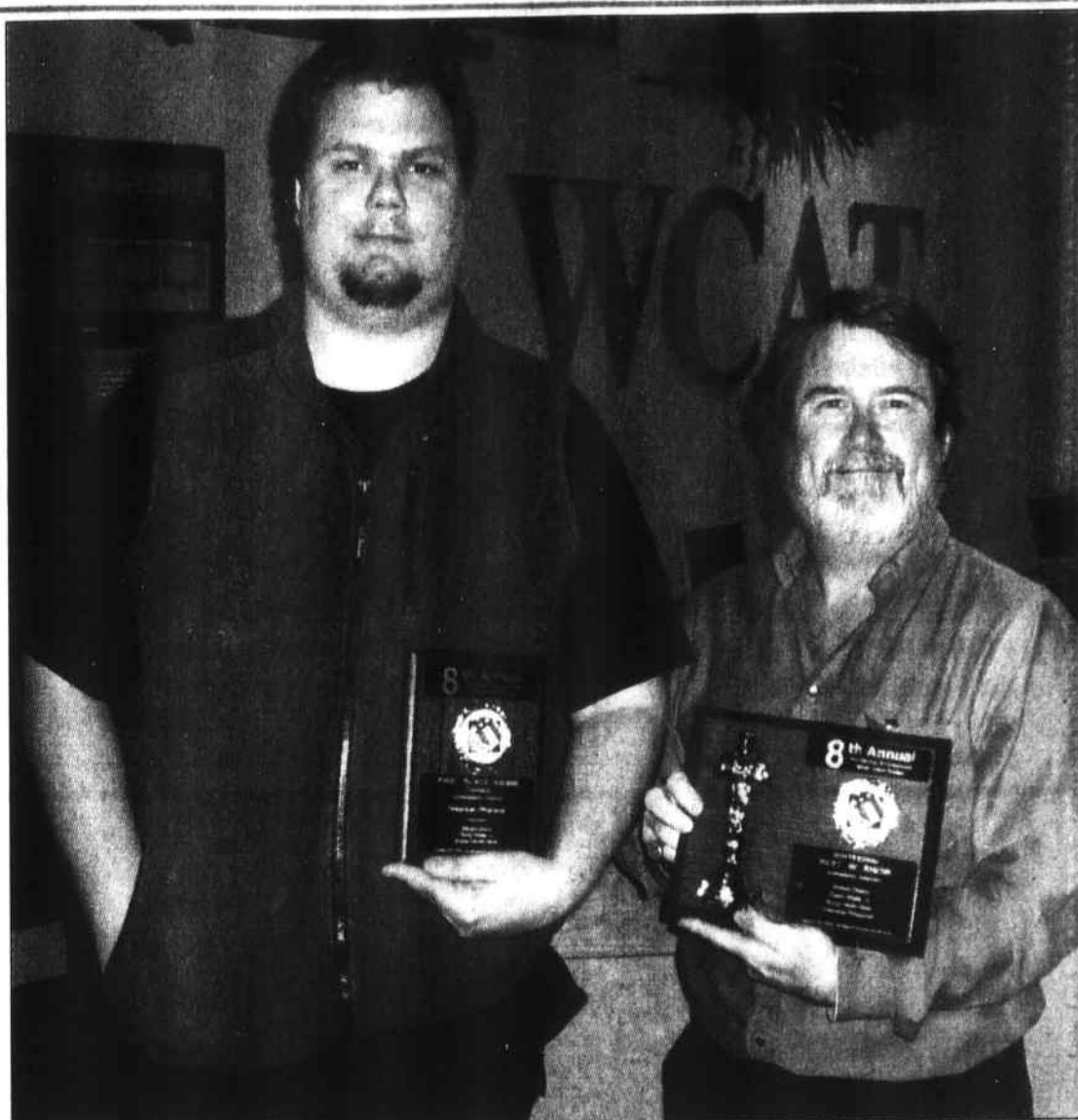
Watts added, "While trapped on a train for 36 hours, Shawn pitched me the idea. It was a workable idea even at that time, and I said that Syzygy would produce it."

Syzygy Media Works, Inc. is a film and video production, post-production, and DVD-authoring firm, co-founded by Watts, the chief executive officer, Ian McDermott and Samuel Ranger in 2001. The self-described "one-stop shop" offers concept-to-finished production services for entertainment, corporate, and educational productions.

"This is one of the first major pieces to come out of the entertainment division of Syzygy," Watts said.

American Rhapsody is a projected television series that was created by Downs and college friend Seth Koenig, a Brunswick, Maine based journalist. Downs brought the concept to Watts as a development project for Syzygy Media Works' Entertainment.

American Rhapsody, it is hoped, will be a sitcom that



WAKEFIELD'S WCAT PRODUCERS WIN AWARD. Shawn Downs (left) and David Watts, Jr. display their Alliance for Community Media Awards in the lobby at Wakefield Community Access Television.

portrays the fortunes and foibles of the people at a down market television news station - CIN-TV - the Corporate Interest Network - with delusions of taking over the world.

It is a curious mix of a retro approach to the humor with contemporary social commentary.

Downs said, "It is very easy to find one-self becoming cynical at the media today buried under reproduced news, conven-

tional plotlines, and the obsession with the lowest common denominator. One of the best ways to battle such cynicism is to take the whole world

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"AEON FLUX" AN EMPTY-HEADED SCI-FI FILM

MOVIE:
"AEON FLUX"
GRADE: **

Aeon Flux, the movie
Paramount was hiding from

critics until opening day,
isn't really as bad as one
might imply from those
actions. It's a good looking
film, but overall ends up
being an empty-headed,

empty-headed sci-fi failure.
If you ever watched MTV
in the mid '90s (before the
channel was saturated with
reality shows) you probably
caught the original cartoon.



IN THIS PHOTO PROVIDED BY PARAMOUNT PICTURES, when government agents murder her family, Aeon Flux (Charlize Theron) swears revenge in 'Aeon Flux.' (AP photo/Paramount Pictures)

It was a story centered
around a lean, mean killing
machine in black vinyl and
high-high boots who
punched, shot, bit and cut
her way through a maze-like
lab and government complex
on her way to kill a creepy
dictator.

She didn't talk much. She
had no past. The story
seemed to have no beginning
or end. Nobody talked much.
Nothing was explained.

The live-action movie ver-
sion of Aeon ignores the mys-
tery. Aeon chats. A lot.
Everything is explained.

Four hundred years in the
future, a depopulated Earth
is reduced to living in one
big city. A "chairman"
(Marton Csokas) runs the
show. Rebels, using commu-
nicator pills, high-tech gad-
gets and fairly conventional
firearms, are trying to kill
him.

Oscar-winner Frances
McDormand, dolled up like
the Bride of Frankenstein
and visited only in trance-
like visions, orders the hit.
And Aeon (Oscar winner
Charlize Theron) is her ace
assassin. Teamed up with
Sithandra (Sophie Okonedo),
Aeon must penetrate the
leader's offices and take him
down.

Or not

Double-crosses are every-
where (Jonny Lee Miller
plays the chairman's broth-
er). People are disappearing
from the walled city.

And the mystery of what
lies beyond those walls in the
ruined planet has to be
solved. In fact, all the mys-
teries have to be solved. The
plot is a blend of lesser sci-fi
themes and gimmicks.

MOVIE:
"YOURS, MINE AND
OURS"
GRADE: *

This film features eighteen
kids, two parents, one nanny
and a potbellied pig, and the
director manages to create not
a single laugh among them.

"Yours, Mine and Ours" is
simply the latest in a recent
string of family films with mul-
tiple head counts. "Cheaper by
the Dozen" (2003) started the
race with 12 kids, a total bested
in this film by 50 percent. And
lo and behold, set for release
next month is "Cheaper by the
Dozen 2," in which the 12-kid
family goes on vacation and
meets up with a rival 8-kid
brood, bringing the grand
rugal total to 20.

"Yours, Mine and Ours,"
which, like "Cheaper by the

Dozen," is a remake of a film of
the same title. Even if you've
never seen any of the other
movies, you'll feel like you've
seen "Yours, Mine and Ours"
before, since every joke is
copied from a previous lame
family movie.

If you find yourself stuck in
the theater while this drudgery
is onscreen, it will make for an
amusing side activity to keep
track of the shameless imita-
tions with pen and paper. That
pratfall came from "Home
Alone." This gag was in "The
Brady Bunch Movie."

The screenplay by Ron
Burch and David Kidd is life-
less and dull, forcing talented
lead actors Dennis Quaid and
Rene Russo to overcompensate
for the lack of amusement.
Both overact badly, playing
caricatures rather than charac-
ters. Quaid, in particular, blows
a gasket as Frank Beardsley, a
widower Coast Guard admiral
who runs his house like a ship,
barking out orders and sending
his eight kids out on sound-off
marches.

He falls quickly for Helen
North (Russo), his old high
school sweetheart, a freewheel-
ing fashion-designer widow
with 10 artistic kids, several of
whom are adopted, allowing for
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Prepare a visual feast. For one and for all.
On December the 10th. They will put on their show,
McCall Middle School. Is where you'll want to go.
The show starts at two. And later that day,
A second show at six. Begins without delay.
So gather your children. Your friends and your spouse.
"The Nutcracker" ballet. Will bring down the house.*

Ballet director, Ms. Isil Avcı, and the student dancers of Winchester Ballet Conservatory, invite you and your loved ones to share with them the magic that is "The Nutcracker". Winchester's annual, full-length production will be performed this holiday season on December 10th, in the McCall Middle School's renovated auditorium. Two performances begin at 2:00 pm and 6:00 P.M.

"Our production is unique in that the cast members span in age from students as young as three to teenagers who have been dancing this ballet for a decade, as well as professional guest dancers from Boston Conservatory. Many parents also appear with their children in the first act's party scene. This ballet will be enjoyed by every member of the family", explained Ms. Avcı. This year Elena Albanese and Sasha Holway will dance the title role of Clara.

Tickets can be purchased at Book Ends, located at 559 Main Street in Winchester. General Admission seating tickets are \$16. You may also order tickets by contacting the Winchester Ballet Conservatory at (781) 721-4808. 9 Mt. Vernon st. (above Lucie's Restaurant) Winchester, Ma

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

OPEN ARMS, WARM HEARTS

Making their mark in Woburn

"During its annual open house, CMARC awarded three outstanding individuals who, in the course of receiving support services from CMARC, have achieved personal success and satisfaction," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Greg Alpert, of Wilmington, was honored along with Robert Paglucia and Doris Breton.

"During the last two years, Greg Alpert has faced some challenging issues both personally and at work.

"Through his individual perseverance and hard work, he has overcome these and experienced tremendous success over the past year.

"Greg has made some great strides and has become a valued and productive member of the CMARC Lawn Care Team.

"Throughout the spring and summer, Greg has worked long and successful days landscaping for private residential customers and at the CMARC sites. More importantly, Greg has demonstrated the skills, attention to task and accuracy required of anyone competitively employed in the community.

"Recently, Greg has begun the process of exploring competitive employment through the CMARC Career Development Center.

"Greg continues to live in Wilmington where he enjoys his community and home with greater independence.

"It is with great pride that CMARC recognizes the tremendous individually-driven success that Greg has experienced during the last 12 months. It is rare to see anyone come so far and with such success and change in such a short period of time....

"Open House honorees included CMARC's outstanding Business Partners: G.E. Sensing and Globalware Solutions; Employers of the Year: Brooks Pharmacy and Stop & Shop; Community Partners for 2005: The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Woburn, Winchester Savings Bank, and the En Ka Society and Freeman Decorating Company.

"In addition to the annual awards, a very special presentation was made. CMARC Board of Directors and State Representative Patrick Natale honored Sheri McCann for her twenty-five years of service as CMARC's Chief Executive Officer...."

'Gold Seal' in Stoneham

"Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association (HHVNA) has received the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations by demonstrating compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for healthcare quality and safety," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"In becoming accredited, Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association was evaluated against a set of national standards by a Joint Commission survey team experienced in the delivery of home care services," says Maryanne Popovich, RN, executive director of the Home Care Accreditation Program of the Joint Commission. "Achieving accreditation demonstrated Hallmark Health VNA's commitment to providing high quality and safe care to its patients."

"According to Diane Farragher-Smith, MSN, MBA, RN, executive director of Hallmark Health VNA, our agency is committed to safe-

ty and quality care. 'We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward achieving excellence,' she says.

"Founded in 1899, Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association, formerly the Malden Visiting Nurse Association, is a not-for-profit agency serving twenty-two cities and towns in the Greater Boston/northern suburbs. In addition to providing general home health care services for infants and adults, HHVNA has several specialized programs. They include comprehensive programs for patients with heart disease, COPD, angina, diabetes, and vestibular (balance) problems. HHVNA also offers a Palliative Care Program for terminally ill patients, and a newly launched Telemonitoring Program.

"For more information on Hallmark Health VNA, call

Program Development at 781-338-7903."

Art and heart in Reading

"The Wingate at Reading nursing home recently exhibited the artwork of eight-year resident George Wark, 74, an avid painter and artist who has lived most of his life in facilities due to Cerebral Palsy and mental retardation," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Wingate's Head Nurse, Carol Serfes, and an outside therapist, Angela Rigg, of Brockton Area Multi-Services, thought that others should be able to see the original work they've been enjoying for quite some time, and put together the exhibit, complete with refreshments, in Wingate's front lobby.

"George, who loves to paint and draw, greeted guests and visitors with his pal and fellow resident, Jenny Scarfino, 89. It was apparent that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to

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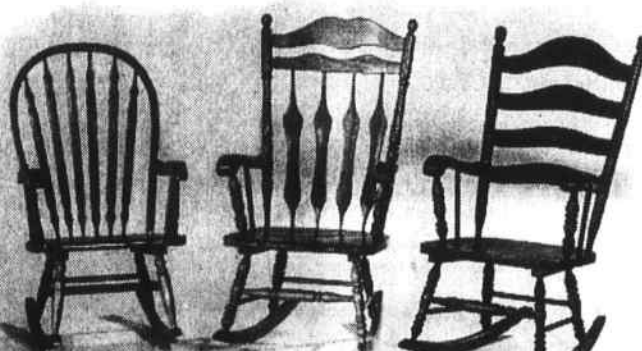
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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

McDONOUGH, McALDUFF AND Mc...NUMBERS

'Perfect' in Winchester

"Ambrose fifth grader Alexander McDonough was recently awarded the George Lenchner Award for a Perfect Score in this year's Mathematical Olympiad," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"McDonough was one of more than 149,000 students worldwide to participate in the international math competition and one of only 255 students to receive a perfect score. He competed as a member of The Math Club in Lexington."

"The Elementary Division competition is designed for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders and is comprised of a series of five exams. In the United States, 104,683 children competed in the Mathematical Olympiad Contest. About 45,000 students in 30 other countries also competed in the contest."

"Alex has loved math since he could talk," says his mother Virginia McDonough. "I remember picking him up from nursery school and the teacher told me he'd tried to teach the other 4-year-olds about negative numbers. When we got something in the mail last fall about The Math Club in Lexington, I thought it was worth checking out."

"McDonough also competed in the Middle School Division exam designed for seventh and eighth graders. He received a Gold Pin for scoring in the top 2 percent of that competition...."

'Up to speed' in Wilmington

"At the Board of Selectmen meeting, some general information regarding Wilmington Public Schools was presented by School Superintendent William McAlduff," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"The purpose of the presentation was to bring the town up to speed on where the school system is and

where it is heading.

"In 1996, we had 3,395 children in our school system and our projection was for 4,319 by 2006. We currently have 3,870 students enrolled. As projected, the middle and high schools increased in numbers but the primary grades did not," explained McAlduff.

"McAlduff went on to say that he was extremely proud of the 'fine and capable' staff employed by the school department. He stated that 28 percent of the teachers held bachelors degrees, 72 percent held masters degrees and of these many had additional courses equaling another masters degree. Teachers with twenty-five years or more in the Wilmington School system represented 19 percent of the total number; those with 15 to 24 years represented 12 percent, 6 to 14 years represented 12 percent and 1 to 5 years represented 48 percent."

"Many new programs are being implemented such as an Understanding Technical and Professional Development Curriculum program, a five year Tech Plan, and a K-5 Trailblazers math curriculum program that helps meet the math standards set by the state."

"The math Trailblazers program has been so successful in the primary grade level that it is being adopted by the Middle School."

Another exciting program that is being implemented is a K-5 E/LA program, which is a reading curriculum. The program is enormously popular with the children."

"McAlduff also spoke about a new second grade through high school program on how to handle school bullies and the follow up 'Second Step' program that helps students say 'no!'"

"Wilmington prides itself on staying within the budget. School Committee member Peggy Kane stated that when she and a colleague attend meetings with other districts, Wilmington is held up as a model of an outstanding financial record...."

Upward bound in Lynnfield

"School enrollment has climbed to its highest level in 24 years, continuing an upward trend that began in 1991 and shows no signs of slowing down," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"This year 2,150 students are enrolled in Lynnfield Public Schools, an increase of 92 from last year."

"Summer Street School has the smallest increase, from 470 last year to 474 this year. The meager increase is welcome at Summer Street, which faces crowded classrooms in second and third grade."

"Huckleberry Hill School enrollment increased by 29 students from last year to a total of 393 this year. The only classrooms at Huckleberry over size guidelines are in the fourth grade and .7 kindergarten, and those classes are each only one student over guidelines."

"At the Middle School, enrollment jumped by 32 students to 698. Grade 5 has four classes that are one student over size guidelines and three classes that are two students over guidelines."

"The High School increased by 27 students to a total of 585. Sophomores are the largest class with 167, followed by 161 freshmen, 133 juniors and 124 seniors."

"In 1991, enrollment increased by only one student to 1,655. But since then, it has increased by 29.9 percent."

"The last time student enrollment was this high was in 1981, when 2,230 students

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see his work.

"Later, in what became a story within a story, George's long-time friend, Diane Hanafin-Litchfield, of Burlington, stopped by for a visit. The Chronicle asked a staff member about the relationship and learned that Diane, who is not related to

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA**
Who was the number one draft pick for the New England Patriots in 1984? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•**READING'S ANDREW HEANEY** was one of seven Colby College football players to earn New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Conference honors. Heaney, a junior line-backer, stepped in for his first year as a starter at line-backer after some tough graduation losses at the position. He had immediate success by finishing second on the team in total tackles (61) and solo tackles (36). Heaney

George, has been visiting him weekly for many years.

"During a brief interview, Diane said that she is one of eleven children, and that when she was five years old, her dad, Charles, suggested that they make a practice of visiting people who were less fortunate family-wise."

"As they set out upon their mission, Diane met George for the first time, and now, 35 years later, she still visits him."

"As she showed photos and talked about her own children and family, who also visit George, Diane said, 'It's just something I've done all my life. He's very important to me.'"

"And likewise for George whose life has been affected in such a positive way...."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to notestowns@comcast.net.

also earned his first career interception. Heading into his final year at Colby next season, he has 102 career tackles.

•During the 2005 season the **READING POP WARNER C SQUAD CHEERLEADERS** have placed 1st in Middlesex League, 1st at NE Cheer and Dance, 3rd in Eastern Mass, and an amazing 1st at the New England Regional Pop Warner

Cheering Championship Competition held on Sunday November 28, 2005. Now that they are the New England Champs they are headed to Florida to represent all of New England at the National Pop Warner Cheering Competition. They arrived in Florida this week and competed on Wednesday December 7th at the Disney sports complex in sunny

Orlando Florida. The team will take the rest of the week to watch other competitions, visit with Micky, Minnie and the gang and enjoy the park and festivities. The proud staff of this team are the **COACHES LIBBY COLBERT, CINDY CALLAHAN, AND STACY SANNELLA**. The student demonstrator is **HANNAH COLBERT**. The Directors of Cheering are **CORINNE SHEA AND SHARON HORTON**. The President of Reading Pop Warner is **MAUREEN DOUCETTE**. The members of this team are: **NICOLE JUTRAS, EMILY FERGUSON, ALISSA PIAZZA, TALIA PIAZZA, CHRISTINA BELL, KELSEY MCCARTHY, EMILY DIXON, SHEILA O'BRIEN, NICOLE BEAUREGARD, VICTORIA MARINO, RACHEL COLPITTS, ERICA CARNEGIA, JACQUELINE TUCKER, ANNA SAMPSON, MIRANDA MURRAY, CARLY LENOX, SYDNEY DISILVA, SOPHIE HUTCHINS, AMANDA DEVINCENT, JILL CALLAHAN AND SHANNAH COLBERT**.

•The 2005 All-Conference players of the New England Football Conference were announced this past weekend. Several **ENDICOTT COLLEGE** players received honorable mention status, including **READING'S ANGELO PERRINA**. A line-backer who graduated from Reading Memorial High School in 2002, he has been a starter at his position for the past three seasons.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? The answer is one of the following players - Irving Fryar, Mosi Tatupu, John Hannah or Andre Tippett.

•**BURLINGTON'S JAY PANDOLFO** is skating in the National Hockey League this season for the New Jersey Devils, while his brother **MIKE** is in the Los Angeles Kings organization.

•**DAN TOBIN**, a 15-year-old sophomore at Woburn High and a member of the varsity SOCCER team won the Pass Punt and Kick sectional competition. This was held at Gillette Stadium prior to Monday Night Football between the Patriots and the Colts on November 7. Dan received 3 tickets to the game and a field pass for prior to the game. Dan will now participate in the national competition.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** Irving Fryar was the Patriots' top draft pick in 1984.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Calendar of Events

WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION

The Reading Art Association will host Candy Witcher on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Guild Hall in the Congregational Church, Sanborn Street in Reading.

Candy will demonstrate "Painting a Winter Snow Scene in Watercolor" at the meeting. She is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing. She also studied at the Museum School of Fine Arts and the Mass. College of Art as well as with exceptional artists such as Nita Leland, Mary Ellen Conway and Suzanne Binnie.

Candy draws and paints from life when possible and from her own photographs. Her subjects are inspired by nature, light and color. She teaches painting and drawing, demonstrates her watercolor techniques at various art associations, and participates in many art shows in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, where she has won numerous awards. She holds memberships in the Nashua Artists' Assn., the Manchester Artists' Assn. and the Newburyport Art Assn.

During her demonstration Candy will discuss watercolor techniques, painting supplies and watercolor papers. She will demonstrate in four easy steps how to paint a lovely winter snow scene and show examples of each step in the process. She will display several paintings illustrating her watercolor techniques and use of color and light, and she will be happy to answer questions.

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POLITICAL GENIUS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

On Sunday, December 18, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin will explain how the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer rose from obscurity to become one of the most significant presidents in this nation's history. Scott Simon, host of NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday, will moderate.

This forum will be held on Sunday, December 18 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston.

All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations, please call 617-514-1643. For direction or further information visit www.jfklibrary.org.

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND CONCERT

The Treble Chorus of New England will host a Musical Holiday Journey Concert on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts in Andover. Tickets are \$20 and \$12 (seniors and students) and are available through the Box Office 978-837-5355 or www.treblechorus.com.

This concert will feature classical holiday music in an international pastiche of carols conducted by Robert Barney, Interim Artistic Director, and Valerie Becker, Associate Director. Included will be music from Austria, Africa and China as well as movement of the Bach Magnificat and a selection from the Bach Christmas Oratorio. It will feature all four ensembles of the Treble Chorus of New England.

FACULTY RECITAL DECEMBER 17

Winchester Community Music School faculty recital featuring French hornist Ron Wold will perform works by J.S. Bach, Paul Hindemith, Richard Strauss and Alec Wilder at a recital Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

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Dick's Beantown Comedy Vault at Remington's, 124 Boylston St. in Boston has showtimes at 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays featuring Comedy and Insanity. Cover Charge is \$15. Sundays the cost is \$12 for stand-up comedy and Open Mike Night.

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A TRIBUTE TO SARGENT SHRIVER

On Monday, December 12 the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will host a special tribute to Sargent Shriver. Family members and close associates will honor Ambassador Shriver with a forum to discuss the many contributions he has made to the United States...from the Peace Corps to the War on Poverty.

Taking part in the forum will be:

Lewis Butler, the former director of the Peace Corps in Malaysia and asst. sec. of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare during the Nixon administration; Rev.

Bryan Hehir, a former speechwriter for Ambassador Shriver who is currently a professor of Religion and Public Life at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Mark Shields, political director for Shriver's 1972 Vice Presidential campaign and currently a syndicated columnist and political analyst on the News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

Tim Shriver, son of Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, and the President and CEO of Special Olympics.

Scott Stossel, author of Sarge: The Life and Times of Sargent Shriver.

Harris Wofford, assisted in the formation of the Peace Corps and was its Associate Director from 1962 to 1966.

The forum will be moderated by Chris Matthews, who was a Peace Corps volunteer in Swaziland and is now the host of MSNBC's Hardball.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Sargent Shriver plan to be in audience

The forum will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the JFK Library, Columbia Point, Boston.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

A Holiday Marketplace will be held at HealthSouth New England Rehab Hospital at 2 Rehabilitation Way (near Winchester line off Cambridge Road), Woburn on Friday, December 9 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Volunteer Association and will feature a variety of craft and gift items from around New England.

The event is held in the dining room and everyone is welcome to attend.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES IN JANUARY

American Sign Language classes, winter quarter 2006, will be held from January 9 to March 20, at The Communicative Health Care Assn., Inc. 977 Main Street in Waltham.

Small class size. For more information call 781-899-4709.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY MESSIAH CONCERT

The Phillips Academy Music Dept. will sponsor its 18th annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio, Messiah, on Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m. This concert is given in support of Neighbors in Need, a food pantry in the Merrimack Valley, and will also support the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The program, under the direction of William Thomas, will feature the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players made up of students, faculty and staff of the Academy and musicians from the Merrimack Valley, Boston and North Shore areas.

This year the special guests as soloists are soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell, alto Krista River, tenor Allen Combs, and baritone Donald Wilkinson, all Phillips Academy faculty members.

The public is cordially invited to support this benefit. General admission is \$5, seniors and students admitted with a donation of non-perishables or canned food. The concert will be held in Cochran Chapel on the school campus, 180 Main Street in Andover.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Any inquiries regarding this performance may be made to the Phillips Music Dept at 978-749-4263 or e-mail at music@andover.edu.

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A free Hunter Education course will be held at the Danvers Fish and Game Club, Birch Road in Middleton on January 7, 14 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Mass. Hunter Ed Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Ed course. Upon successful completion of this course all students will receive a Mass. Hunter Ed Certificate.

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For more information write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, Ma. 01473-0408 or call 508-792-7434 or 617-727-3623.

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Start arriving about 11:30 to socialize. The choices are Chicken Marsala or Baked Stuffed Scrod. Tickets are \$23 per person. Menu selection is made at that time. The deadline

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The Ivy Chord Coffee House is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church of

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OLDER ADULTS MEET ON DECEMBER 11

Patrons for Older Adults will hold their December meeting on Sunday, December 11 at the Masonic Hall, 110 Haven Street in Reading at 2 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Young Performers of New England. Refreshment will be served.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUREMBERG TRIALS

On Friday, December 9 Louise Arbour, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, will discuss the challenges for international justice today. This forum will be moderated by Harvard Law School Professor Martha Minow and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Following the conversation with Louise Arbour, the Kennedy Presidential Library will host an extraordinary discussion with survivors of genocide who will discuss the many issues surrounding accountability and justice for genocide survivors and victims.

This portion of the forum will begin at 1 p.m. and will be moderated by John Shattuck, CEO, of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

This forum will be held on Friday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston.

All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations call 617-514-1643. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org.

TEWKSBURY LYONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Tewksbury Lions Club Christmas Party will be held December 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the U.S. Bunting Club, 449 Boylston Street in Lowell.

Bring a gift costing under \$10 to swap. There will be music and dancing with D.J. Paul Belley and his Talents. There will also be a Yankee Swap, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, a buffet and hot



LOCAL PEOPLE RECEIVE AWARDS - The Tri-City Mental Health Center held its fortieth annual meeting at Donatello Restaurant, Route 1, Saugus, on Wednesday, November 30th. Staff Awards were presented to (standing l-r) - Johanna Chilingirian, Controller, Winchester; Rita Balesteri, Payroll Administrator, Malden; Linda Clark Kierstead, Outreach Clinician, Lynn; Irene Bertocchi, Administrative Assistant, Everett. Seated l-r - Joan Smyth, R.N., Brookline; and Carol A. Masella, Administrative Assistant, Wakefield. In 1993, the Center was funded to expand its Emergency Services Program to serve residents of Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Lynn, Lynnfield, Nahant, Saugus, and Swampscott.

cider. Tickets are \$25 per person, reserved table for 10 is \$225. For tickets and information call Monty 978-337-6104 or Shirley 978-851-9688. Proceeds to benefit Administration Fund.

NAMI-MASS MEETS IN WAKEFIELD

The Eastern Middlesex Alliance on Mental Illness meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

NAMI offers support and education for families and individuals and advocates for legislation to improve treatment and quality of life for those with a mental illness.

Meetings are held at Horizon House, 78 Water Street, Wakefield at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 781-272-4146.

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will be served.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"Home for the Holidays" house tour will take place in Reading on Sunday, December 4 from 12 - 4 p.m. Visit 8 beautifully decorated homes. Tickets are \$25 and include entrance to the winter wonderland "Festival of Trees" on Saturday, December 3 from 12 - 6 p.m. and Sunday December 4 from 10 - 5:30 at Parker Middle School.

Tickets may be purchased at the Wine Shop of Reading, CB Designs and Sofia Brina. Proceeds benefit the Reading Technology and Education Foundation, Inc. CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS

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SEPARATED, DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

A separated, divorced support group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ/Lynnfield Community Church, 735 Salem Street, Lynnfield.

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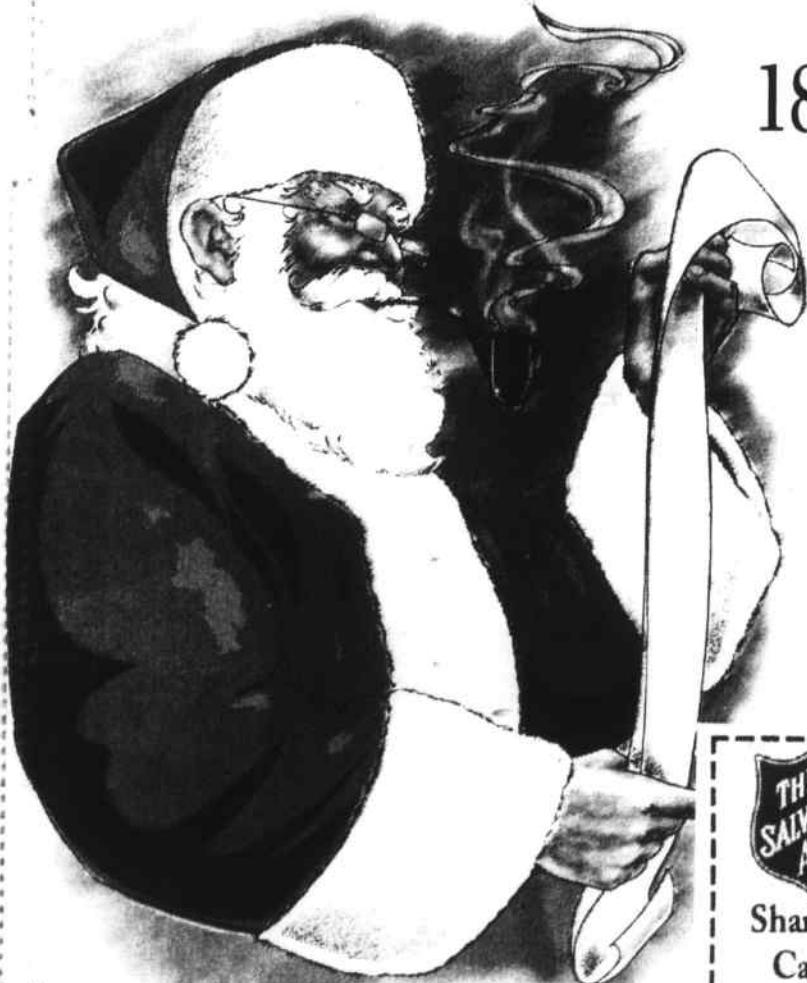
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Frank and Helen elope, then combine their broods into one massive lump of humanity. It's hippies versus squares in an all-out war, in which there are no winners.

The film is directed by Raja Gosnell, the brains behind the two "Scooby-Doo" movies.

MOVIE:
"WALK THE LINE"
GRADE: ****

Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon ignite the screen with their portrayals of Johnny Cash and June Carter in *Walk the Line*, the true story of the early ups and downs in the Man in Black's career.

Phoenix and Witherspoon's performances are so finely honed that they hurdle the usual show-biz clichés associated with movies of this genre.

The story traces Cash's life from his poor childhood — including the tragic death of his brother — to the late 1960s, when he finally overcame his drug addiction, with the help of Carter and her family.

Walk the Line overflows with musical numbers, and Phoenix and Witherspoon do their own singing.

The movie is choppy at the beginning, as if many scenes had been cut to whittle down the running time. One moment we see a young Cash lying in bed weeping at the loss of his brother, the next he is joining the military.

His first wife, Vivian (Ginnifer Goodwin) is introduced talking to Cash via long distance, with him asking her to marry him. The next scene shows Cash wandering through a music store in Germany, picking up a guitar and teaching himself to play. No motivation or explanation for these actions are given.

Walk the Line follows Cash as he enjoys success, goes on

the road, neglects his family, gets hooked on pills, falls in love with another woman, loses his family and teeters on the brink of self-destruction before being saved, reviving his career and becoming bigger than ever.

The talents of Phoenix and Witherspoon overcome and compensate the script's shortcomings.

Phoenix, his voice lowered, captures the essence of Cash without resorting to an outright impersonation. On stage, holding his guitar high in Cash's familiar stance, he exudes the singer's dynamism and charisma. Witherspoon hides Carter's personality beneath a bubbly public persona in which she makes her audiences feel at ease and at home.

While Cash battles his demons externally, Carter faces an internal fight over her feelings for her fellow performer. She is attracted to him, but knows a relationship must have a strong, solid foundation to survive.

Walk the Line is a love story about two people in the public eye who must overcome obstacles both internally and externally to finally come together.

MOVIE:
"JARHEAD"
GRADE: **

"Jarhead" is a war movie that ends up being more about the lack of war than what it feels like when the bullets are flying.

"Jarhead," a deep, psychological drama detailing a Marine sniper's experiences in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, stars Jake Gyllenhaal and is directed by Sam Mendes ("American Beauty," "Road to Perdition").

It tells the story of Anthony "Swoff" Swofford, whose book is the basis for this film. Swofford, played by Gyllenhaal in the film, and his fellow jarheads (a term the Marines call one another) are well-trained killing machines, geared up for war who are then left to sit and wait for conflict that never comes.

The film benefits from a blistering performance turned

in by Jamie Foxx, playing a mean sergeant who rubs the grunts' faces in their perceived worthlessness.

While airstrikes accomplish the dirty work they thought they would be completing, the soldiers pine for their girlfriends and wives, whom they're sure are cheating on them back home. With no enemy to fight in the field, they turn on one another.

While the movie deals specifically with the troops in Operations Desert Shield and Storm, it manages to steer clear of commentary on the current Iraqi conflict, which is a bit of a surprise given Mendes' penchant for social commentary in other films like "American Beauty," a portrayal of life in the American suburbs.

MOVIE:
"CHICKEN LITTLE"
GRADE: **

Chicken Little needs some help. A year has passed since that "sky is falling" fiasco, and he is a laughingstock in his home town of Oakey Oaks (home of the "Best Acorns in the Universe"). His comments and ideas are greeted with stony skepticism, a baseball commentator tells him "I've seen road kill with faster reflexes" and, worst of all, a new exploitation flick ("Crazy Little Chicken") threatens to permanently label him as a loser.

While other studios have broken new ground in the field of animation (such as Warner Bros., which bankrolled the dazzling "performance capture" process that made last year's "Polar Express" so distinctive), Disney has primarily stuck to the tried and true. "Chicken Little" is not exactly a bold step forward. Its story, in which an outcast seizes a chance to redeem himself, incorporates many familiar Disney themes, right down to Chicken Little's absent mother. While the animation is superb, particularly in its careful attention to detail and textures, it's

not unlike anything you've ever seen before, and the soundtrack, which is heavily stocked with take-offs of played-out oldies (including the Spice Girls' "Wannabe" and Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive"), will make viewers wish for the days of "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "Circle of Life."

But the movie has its share of clever jokes, including a sarcastic opening that immediately sets the tone, a witty "War of the Worlds" parody and a delightful glimpse of a typically humiliating day in Chicken Little's life that's set to the Barenaked Ladies' catchy "One Little Slip." The appealing characters, particularly Kirby, a three-eyed extraterrestrial child that looks something like a fluffed-up piece of candy corn, are another plus, and director Mark Dindal has also done a fine job of selecting celebrity voices. Zach Braff gives Chicken Little an agreeably eager-to-please tone, Joan Cusack puts her special quirkiness into Abby Mallard, a duckling with a serious overbite and unruly feathers, and Fred Willard and Catherine O'Hara drop by near the end to do a bit of enjoyable bantering as a pair of protective parents.

If the film is not destined to be remembered as one of Disney's enduring classics, it's enjoyable on its own terms.

MOVIE:
"THE WEATHER MAN"
GRADE: *

"The Weather Man" is an exercise in cheerlessness and discontent that offers up the world's most self-absorbed whiner and expects you to like him.

Nicolas Cage plays a guy who makes \$240,000 a year for what he acknowledges is the easiest of jobs, smirking and reading weather forecasts off the prompter for a Chicago TV station. He supplements his income with fees from equally effortless personal appearances.

He has a support system of people willing to truly care for him, if only he'd let them. And he's a front-runner for a national gig that would pay him more than a million bucks a year. Yet all he can do is groan and moan about how hard his life is and how nothing goes his way.

Cage clearly saw something more to the character and plays him with earnest, though it ends up a largely two-dimensional labor of gloom and anguish.

What salvages "The Weather Man" from time to time is the grand presence of Michael Caine as Cage's father, whose own real drama is so engrossing and heartfelt, you wish he were the main man and his son the supporting player.

Always feeling inferior to his father (Caine), a Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar who was a buddy to world leaders in his day, Cage now must cope with his father's terminal cancer.

So yes, David does have real problems. Yet other than his father's illness, the domestic issues in his life feel almost certainly David's own fault.

He's always caught short of

cash just when his dad asks him to fetch a newspaper or cup of coffee, viewers perpetually pelt him with shakes, sodas and fast food on the street. None of this is funny, and none of it evokes kinship. Spend an hour and a half watching David the weatherman, and you may want to hurl your own soda at the screen.

MOVIE:
"ELIZABETHTOWN"
GRADE: ***

Writer and director Cameron Crowe travels what should be a familiar route, a journey of self-discovery that ends in love, with his latest film, but somehow he stumbles a bit before reaching the conclusion.

The story centers around Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom), a shoe designer in a Nike-like company whose new product, called the "Spasmodica" (which Baylor developed) has been recalled and is being called one of the greatest business fiascos of all time, costing the business close to \$1 billion. He of course is fired, and is literally about to kill himself when

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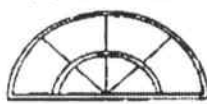
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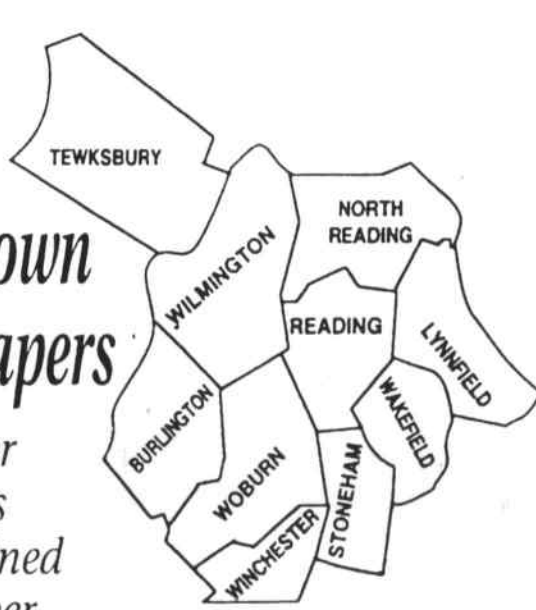
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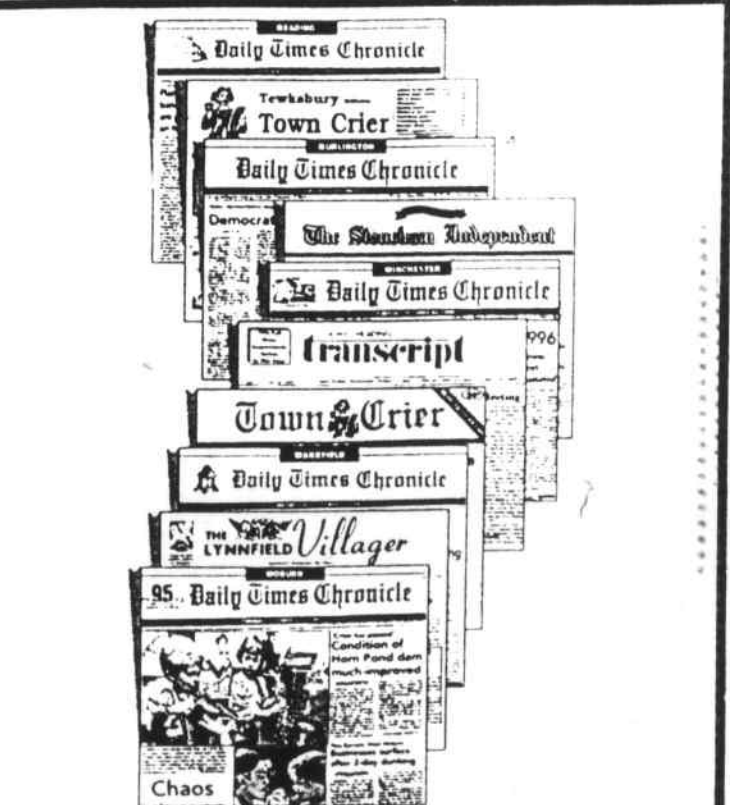
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less seriously, and give it a quick kick to the shins." The show has added relevance with the recent statement from Ted Koppel that news shows are being given

direction on what to stress by their corporate sponsors. In his statement Koppel, who recently signed off as anchor and managing editor of ABC's "Nightline with Ted Koppel" noted that the focus of news broadcasts was different from when he first started.

American Rhapsody has an ensemble cast of locally based actors who have also appeared in numerous other independent productions that have been shot in the Boston area: Leo Ballou (PC), Downs (Intern), Talia Etedgee (Secretary), Jim Flynn (Corporate Chief), Riley Matthews (James Kilgore), Anne Romano (Leslie B. Ann), and Wakefield resident Mark Scalia (Charles Edward O'Connor/CEO). The pilot episode also features appearances by Dan Gorgone, Oriko Ikeda, and Yemi Sekoni.

After three years of developing the concept and producing a pilot show, Watts and Downs were looking for outside comment on their work. This was the reason behind sending it off to the ACM for consideration as an entry in the annual contest and evaluation, with no thought it would win anything.

The Alliance for Community Media, with offices in Washington, D.C. is the umbrella organization for the community access movement in cities and towns across the country. The ACM represents the interests of community access facilities, such as WCAT, at the national level.

The Northeast region covers the six New England states and New York State. This year's Fall Video Festival attracted some 440 entries across the Professional and Non-Professional categories. Judging is handled by volunteer groups of peers in ACM member access facilities across the region.

"This was a complete surprise for us," said Watts. "We had decided to enter the as-yet unfinished pilot episode to see

what kind of feedback we would get from the judges. We never expected to garner one, let alone two awards."

Because Syzygy is a professional firm it has received an invitation to enter a piece into the competition for the Aurora Awards. As this is the first year, entrants will receive feedback from the judges, Watts and Downs have decided to enter American Rhapsody into this contest as well.

The Aurora Awards is an international competition designed to recognize excellence in the film and video industries. It specifically targets programs and commercials that would not normally have the opportunity to compete on a national level, by focusing on non-national commercials, regional or special interest entertainment and corporate sponsored film and video. Entries have come from across the US, and abroad such as Canada, Hong Kong, Denmark, Mexico, etc.

As a result of the recent win at the ACM ceremony, American Rhapsody is starting to receive some local recognition and will be shown on several area local access cable stations. These include Chelmsford, Melrose, Wakefield, Winchester and Manchester, New Hampshire.

The present episode, now known as Pilot One, was filmed in regular definition television, and focuses on the character of



SHAWN DOWNS (rear) and David Watts, Jr. discuss some of the fine points while editing American Rhapsody for entry into the Aurora Awards.

the CEO (Scalia) and the Intern (Downs). However, a new pilot is in the process of being developed at this time and will be shot in high definition television.

Watts explained that regular television shows a picture with a resolution of 525 lines per cel. High Definition has a resolution of 1080 lines.

Downs is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where he was involved with a college television show and co-hosted a radio program. He has a Bachelor of

Arts in Communications with a minor in Film Production.

He has worked at WCAT since his graduation from college.

Watts has been involved in photography and film for over 30 years. He is an instructor of a Filmstyle for Video Workshop at WCAT, where he is also a member of the Board of Directors for the not-for-profit station.

"I didn't start in video until I came to WCAT to teach," Watts said.

Speaking to the project, Watts said, "This is something that could not have been done a few years ago. The availability of affordable equipment and of an independent film movement made it possible."

"It wasn't long ago that you had to be part of a major film studio to do something like this."

Watts also noted that the Boston area has a large community of actors and film people who are willing to lend their talents to the development of projects such as this. For example, Scalia is better known in the area for his stand-up comedy routines and performs regularly at nightclubs and comedy cafes.

If the project is successful in the long run, the producers hope to sell it to a small cable network or to public broadcasting as an eight episode series.

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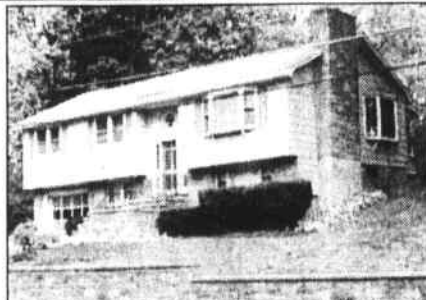
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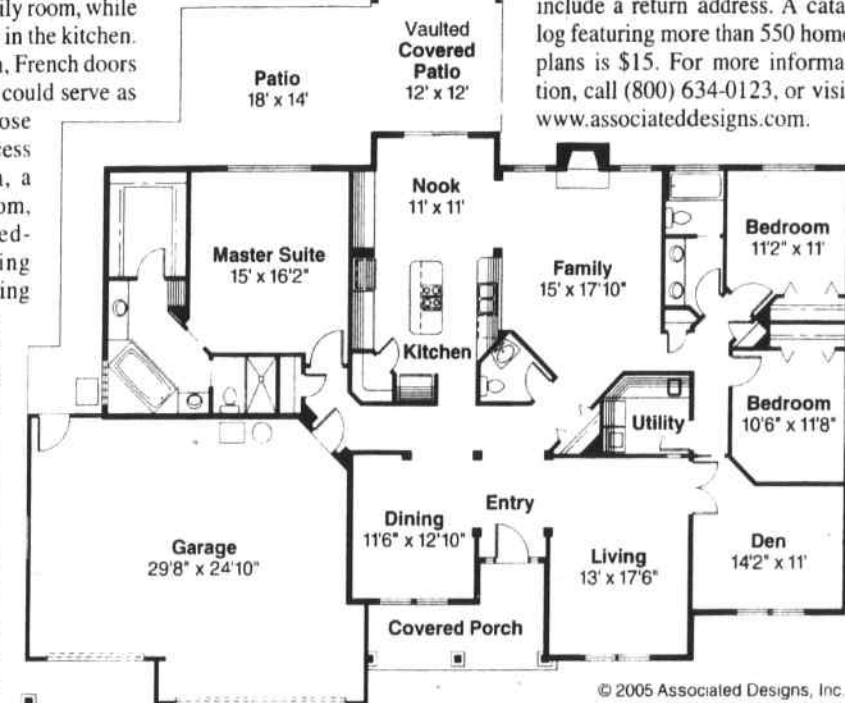
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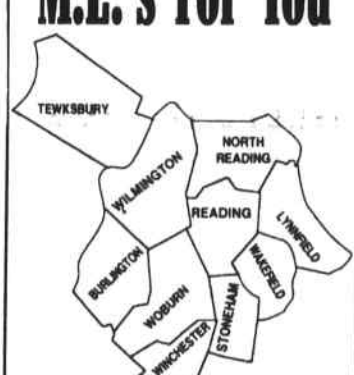


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From S-4

were enrolled in the Lynnfield school system. That number actually represented a drop of 179 students from the year before.

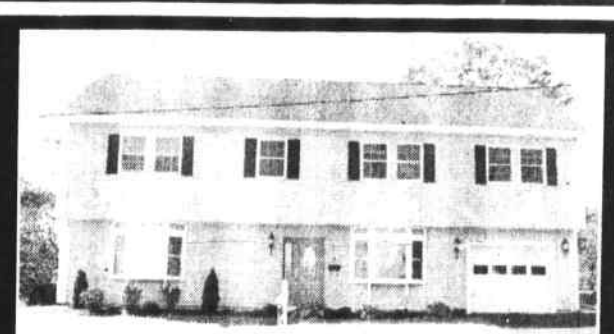
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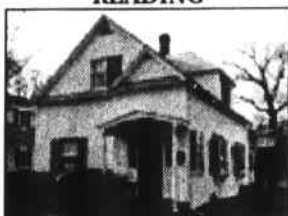
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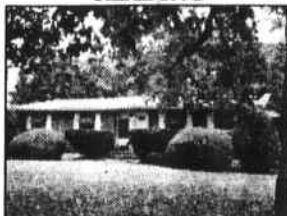
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Movies

From S-7

He receives a call that his father has died, and he must travel from Oregon to Elizabethtown, Kentucky (his father's hometown) to retrieve the body.

Along the way he meets a flight attendant, Claire (played by Kirsten Dunst), who helps him look at what really matters in life, and encourages him to get to know his father now better than he ever did when he was still alive.

Crowe, the director behind such films as 'Say Anything', 'Jerry Maguire', and 'Almost Famous', has made this type of film before, but he doesn't get it quite right this time. Bloom just doesn't seem to fit the part, and Dunst appears one of the most annoyingly positive characters to ever hit the screen, at least for half the film anyway.

The story hits its stride late, when widow Susan Sarandon gets some screen time, and Bloom's character sets off on a cross country road trip that he should have taken years ago.

It's not one of Crowe's better movies, but it's still better than most of what's out there.

MOVIE:
"THE FOG"
GRADE: **

The main villain in 'The Fog', a malicious white mist, looks pretty cheesy, as do the zombie-like mariners who inhabit it in their century-old quest for revenge.

And the script from Cooper Layne contains your typical horror-flick lines that overstate the obvious, like, "That guy gives me the creeps," in response to seeing an obviously creepy fisherman, and, "Nick, ever since I came home, horrible

things have been happening." You need something to laugh at before you get scared again.

But director Rupert Wainwright - whose previous movies include "Stigmata" starring Patricia Arquette and "Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em: The Movie" starring M.C. Hammer - manages to create some genuine intensity and suspense.

He does the basic horror-movie stuff right - with lighting and shadows, with things that go bump in the night, though he's overly fond of the kind of loud, false scares intended to make you jump.

And he's got some actors people have heard of, instead of a bunch of generically good-looking no-names. Well, he's at least got three: Tom Welling, Selma Blair and Maggie Grace (from "Lost").

Like most remakes, "The Fog" is pretty unnecessary. John Carpenter's original from 1980 is considered a solid effort from the horror

veteran, though perhaps not a complete classic like his "Halloween." It featured the first on-screen pairing of Jamie Lee Curtis and her mother, Janet Leigh.

This new "Fog" stays pretty true to its roots, though. A hundred years after the founding of a small coastal town, a thick fog rolls in night after night, knocking out electricity, destroying boats, causing car accidents and - oh, yeah - sucking people through glass windows.

Trying to escape this madness are fishing-boat captain Nick Castle (played by Welling from "Smallville"), his ex-girlfriend, Elizabeth (Grace, in Curtis' old role), and the town's sultry radio DJ, Stevie (Blair, filling in for Barbeau).

Things get pretty bombastic toward the end - people and objects spontaneously combust, shattered glass noisily flies everywhere - as the town's dark history is revealed.

But it's still a good old-fashioned ghost story, and you really can't go wrong with that, no matter how hard you try, especially around this time of year.

MOVIE:
"WAITING"
GRADE: *

"Waiting", a film about the crazy crew of waiters, waitresses, cooks and busboys at a generic chain restaurant, is low-budget and equal to the level of service doled out by its main characters - it's just awful.

The first movie from writer-director Rob McKittrick is an erratically paced, slapped-together string of sight gags and repetitive humor, most of which involves the exposure of body parts and sexual humor. It's almost too lazy to achieve the level of deserving to be called offensive.

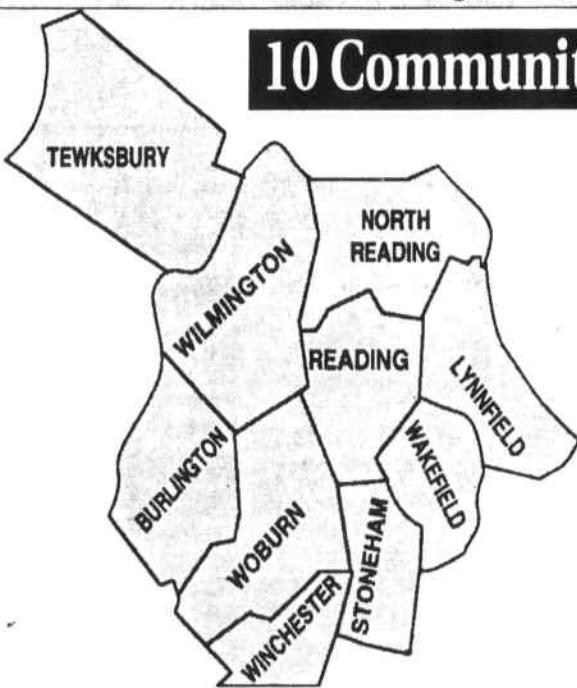
The king of the servant clowns is Monty, played by

Ryan Reynolds with a smooth, deadpan delivery that has become his trademark over the past few years. It's the same shtick he did in "National Lampoon's Van Wilder," it's the same shtick Val Kilmer did in "Real Genius" and Chevy Chase did in "Caddyshack." He's funny, he's cynical, and he looks like the boy next door but then he'll drop his pants at a moment's notice.

If you've ever worked in a restaurant (as McKittrick has), you may recognize these people and their adventures. But the really funny moments are few and far between. Send this one back to the kitchen, but then get out of there before anyone can spit on the steak.

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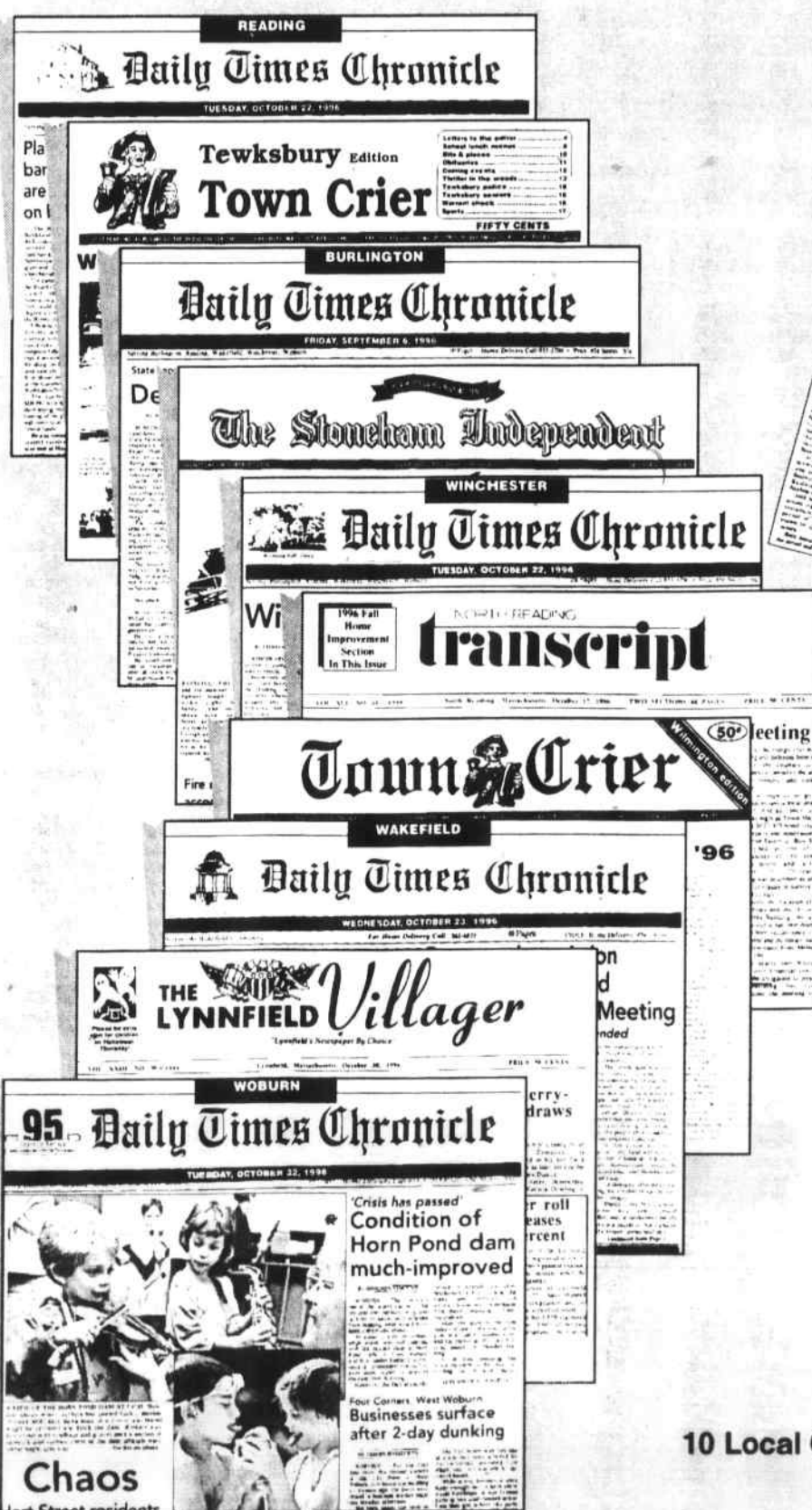
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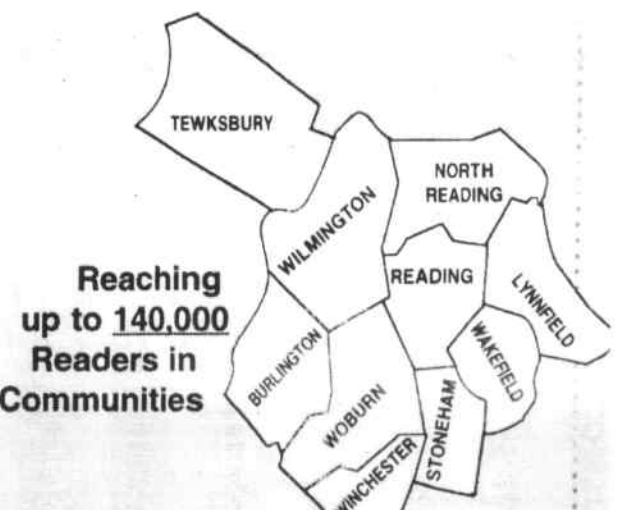
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